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Melb Croatia's early lead

BY KEITH GILMOUR



A tremendous shot of Apia-Leichhardt's Mark Brown in action against Wollongong City. Next week in NSL Round 5, Apia is at home to Parramatta Melita Eagles at Lambert Park at 5pm, whilst the Wolves host the classy Marconi Fairfield at Brandon Park at 7pm.

MELBOURNE
Croatia are top of pops in this season's NSL.

They have a one point margin on South Melbourne and Marconi.

Their form against Apia Leichhardt yesterday was brilliant enough to set tongues wagging about the possibility of this being their big year.

And no-one is doing more to establish their challenge than their evergreen defender, George Hannah.

The club has another emerging star in Damir Petravac.

Sydney clubs are finding it difficult to lift their positions on the ladder.

Marconi is looking to the return of established stars Zlatko Nasteovski and Ian Gray to put their own inimitable brand of pressure on the top.

Gray played the house down in his return to service.

Nasteovski made a short, quiet 1990 debut following his major injury.

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South Melbourne's Kimon Taliadoros, 22, in another lively run — Pic: JOE MONTEMURRO

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Socceroos play at St George



ON Wednesday night at St George Stadium comes a classical confrontation between Eddie Thomson's Socceroos and the St George NSL team.

Ex-Socceroo boss Frank Arok won't be satisfied with anything less than victory, even though the opposition is formidable and, naturally, the better side on paper.

It is no secret that wily veteran Arok has a point to prove following his departure from the Australian international scene.

The main game kicks off at 7pm, and is preceded by what will be a lively clash between Sydney Olympic U19 and St George's apprentices — the Soccer Academy of Sydney.

The modest admission price of \$5 will help bolster St George's important Youth Development Fund.

Greek derby will set Middle Park alight

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

MIDDLE Park sets the scene for the match of the round this Sunday when South Melbourne play host to Sydney Olympic in their big Greek derby clash, kicking off at 6pm.

While Souths have begun the season once again in fine fashion, champions Olympic have struggled with some lacklustre displays early in the competition.

The Melbourne side drew first blood against their old Greek rivals, picking up the pre-season, Charity Shield but paid the penalty with a number

of serious injuries, including that of star striker Paul Trimboli. Last season Olympic finally ended a 10-year drought, downing the Puskas-coached side 1-0 in Sydney but at home and in form, Souths should pick up the points.

Sunshine, with an array of new signings and their initial victory under their belt, host struggling Adelaide City at Skinner Reserve this Sunday, kicking off at 6pm.

The narrow loss at home to Melbourne Croatia and the 4-2 romp over Maltese rivals Melita on Saturday have given George Cross renewed confi-



Damian Mori (left) against Melita Eagles last Saturday. His Sunshine side showed marked improvement to win 4-2 — Photo by STEPHN GOSCH.

dence after a disastrous start to the season, but Ernie Merrick's side must be wary of a City team ready to explode.

Zoran Matic, at the helm at Adelaide for a number of seasons, must get his charges back on track or forget major honours for this 1990/91 season.

Sunshine, at home and displaying some semblance of good form, should win, although in 14 clashes George have come up trumps only once four years ago.

Melita Eagles, without a win to date, travel across town to face Apia Leichhardt at Lambert Park on Sunday.

Devastated with a heavy injury toll so early in the season, the Eagles have failed to begin where they left off last season and are yet to pick up a victory.

Apia did the double over Melita during their purple patch last season and indeed the Eagles have not downed the Lambert Parkers in six years.

The home side should have too much in hand for their struggling visitors despite being outclassed by Melbourne Croatia last Sunday, and take both points.

Preston, in the midst of a mini-revival, host close neighbours Melbourne Croatia at Connor Reserve, kicking off at 6pm on Sunday.

The Melbourne Croatia side, vying for supremacy in Victoria with South Melbourne, have begun the season brilliantly and will be keen to despatch Preston, the pretenders to their Victorian throne.

The match should be all-action, with two fine midfields on show and a high scoring draw looks likely.

The patchy Marconi travel to the South Coast on Sunday to meet Wollongong City at Brandon Park, kick-

ing off under the lights at 7pm.

To date, last season's grand finalists have been inconsistent, particularly away from home, while City are unbeaten at Brandon Park and are yet to concede a goal on their home turf.

The Wolves, with their defence well marshalled by Charlie Yankos, will once again be difficult to break down but Marconi have enjoyed success in Wollongong down the years and should score a narrow win.

In the remaining matches, St George and Heidelberg appear evenly matched, a draw looking likely at St George Stadium, while Sydney Croatia, should be too powerful for newcomers Wollongong Macedonia at the Croatian Sports Centre, also on Sunday, both matches kicking off at 7pm.



CHARLIE YANKOS — a steady force in the Wollongong defence.

Howie Tredinnick takes top award at Newcastle

EXPERIENCED defender Howie Tredinnick was announced as Newcastle BHP Austral's Player of the Year at the Presentation Night at the club at Birmingham Gardens on Saturday night.

The presentation was made by Rob Chenery, general manager of the BHP Rod and Bar Products Division, before a packed house.

Tredinnick doubled up by being chosen as the Players' Player of the Year as well.

Clubman of the year went to Mike Boogaard, with young Costa Camakamis taking the special Newcastle Herald Award and Brett Porter the top scorer.

Youth awards went to Brad Evans (Player



of the Year), Richard Johnson (Most Improved Player) and Troy Halpin (Youth Top Scorer).

Also assisting with the presentations were NSW Soccer Federation president Peter Thorne, NNSW Federation president Dave Williams, Richard French of the Newcastle Herald and BHP coach Willie Gallagher.

Other celebrities in attendance included Peter Cleaves of Channel 3, Mr and Mrs David Baldwin of 2HD, Mr and Mrs Gary Gilmore (FAI Insurance), and Mrs and Mrs Stuart Roche of the Newcastle Herald.

The juniors were not forgotten.

Award winners were Ben Moody, Ryan Smith and Trent Berry (U13), Troy Dewhurst and Michael Hodgson (U14), Cale Wallace and Kean Marshall (U15) and Dean McColl and Ross Newell (U17).

— KEITH GILMOUR

Adcity on Wednesday

THE Adelaide City-Sydney Croatia Round 4 tie will be played at Hindmarsh Stadium on Wednesday night at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The Hindmarsh surface is being refurbished, and the Newton Sports Ground was ruled below par by NSL general manager, Peter Russell.

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Lethargic Preston easy for Marconi

BY FRANK SCICLUNA



BOB CATLIN — two super saves against Preston on Sunday.

A goal inside the first five minutes from David Seal and an explosive volley by John Markovski 18 minutes from the end were enough to give Marconi the points in a 2-0 win over a largely lethargic Preston at Marconi last night.

Preston tightened up considerably after the break, putting Marconi under pressure with Zinni, Warren Spink and Young Kris Trajanovski prominent.

In fact, it took two super saves within a minute from Bob Catlin to deny Preston an equaliser in the 52nd and 54th minutes.

But Marconi withstood the test and came back with a brilliant goal after 72 minutes to settle the issue.

Jean-Paul de Marigny broke away on the left and fed Katholos who promptly crossed to the far post for Gray to climb high and nod the ball down for Markovski to come charging through and hammer his left foot volley into the top corner.

With the points well and truly in the bag coach Berti Mariani brought the biggest cheer of the night from

the Marconi fans by throwing Nasteviski into the action in the 77th minute for his first game since his tragic knee injury last January.

Marconi were forced to line up without captain Steve Calderan, who suffered an injury at work during the week, but they had Ian Gray back in midfield for his first appearance of the season, and striker Zlatko Nasteviski ready for action on the substitutes' bench.

The game got off to an explosive start following a badly mistimed clearance from Preston defender George Jolevski in the fifth minute.

David Seal quickly pronounced to crack home a first-time shot and give Marconi the best possible start.

Preston were struggling to win midfield possession at this stage, allowing the former champions to display their renowned brand of crisp attacking football.

A couple of half-chances fell to Andrew Zinni against the run of play, but overall it was Marconi which was looking far more positive.

A fluent build-up involving four players in the 25th minute fully deserved a goal, but Peter Katholos shot well wide.

Ten minutes later it

was Seal who was put clear through the middle by Gray, but this time he lost his composure, hitting his shot straight at the keeper.

The longer the half went the more dominant Marconi were becoming with Gray, John Markovski and Tommy McCulloch completely dictating terms in the middle of the park.

MARCONI: Catlin 7, Wheatley 6, de Marigny 6, Jones 6, Okon 6, Gray 7, McCulloch 6, Katholos 6, Seal 6 (Nasteviski 77), Markovski 6, Lowe 7.

PRESTON: Traianedes 6, Spasevski 6 (Jackson 80), Jolevski 5, Petrov 6, Parton 6, Gasevski 5, Zinni 6, Trajanovski 6, Spink 6, Crino 5, R Markovac 6.

YELLOW CARDS: Trajanovski 61m, Jolevski 67m (Preston).

REFEREE: J. McConnell 5.

CROWD: 4860.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Northcote City 3 (Mandoulidis 2, Berdelas) Springvale City 0, South Melbourne Hellas Colts 3 (Keratzoglou, Ireland) Geelong City 2 (Ginovski, O'Sullivan), Heidelberg United 1 Brighton 0, Springvale City 0 Preston Macedonia 2 (Dimtrievski, Vasilevski), Melbourne Croatia 6 (Skenderovic 3, Duzel 2, Milanovic) Northcote City 0, Caulfield City 1 (Alikakos) Sunshine George Cross 5 (Zacharias 3, Cattermole, Bregante), Adelaide City 5 (Aloisi 2, Talladira, Barbaro, Ianniello) Melbourne Croatia Colts 0, Altona Gate 0 South Melbourne Hellas 2 (Nikolopoulos 2).

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Adelaide City	4	4	0	14	2	8	
Sunshine GC	4	4	0	12	3	8	
Preston Mak	4	3	1	9	1	7	
SMH	4	2	1	7	3	5	
Heidelberg	4	2	1	3	2	5	
Melb. Croatia	4	2	0	10	7	4	
Caulfield	4	1	2	1	6	8	
SMH Colts	4	2	0	2	6	9	
Altona Gate	4	1	1	2	5	6	
Brighton	4	1	0	3	1	5	
Northcote City	4	1	0	3	5	10	
Geelong City	4	1	0	3	5	11	
Springvale	4	0	1	3	2	8	
Melb. Cr Colts	4	0	1	3	2	12	

Wollongong Macedonia holds Sth Melbourne

BY LEN CHAFER

AN exceptionally good crowd of 3,682 people turned up at Brandon Park, Wollongong, to see Wollongong Macedonia draw 0-0 with South Melbourne.

The only real chances of scoring came in the 25th minute for the home side when John Bradley took a corner on the right.

The ball was flicked on by Jason Dunn, but Brett Thornthwaite headed over the top with the goal at his mercy.

Then in the 32nd minute South Melbourne was awarded a penalty when Kim Taliadoros was brought down by Dunn after receiving a good through ball from Steve Tasios.

Taliadoros took the spot kick, but keeper Peter Wilson dived the correct way to block the shot.

In the second half the game became scrappy.

Peter Tsolakis came



Peter Tsolakis

close to scoring in the 48th minute when he hit a shot from 25 yards which was dipping all the way towards goal, but Wilson tipped the ball over for a corner.

In the 75th minute Wollongong Macedonia attacked on the right and a good cross from Adam Sandy was punched clear by Bruce MacLaren.

South Melbourne had another chance in the 81st minute when Tsolakis hit a ball close to goal, but his shot rebounded from Wilson's diving body.

Then at the other end Graeme Fletcher sent in a good cross from the right and Coleho just missed on the

near post.

In the 84th minute Cavanagh took a long throw. The ball was knocked on by Paul Kay, but Fletcher headed the ball straight into the keeper's hands.

To sum up, neither team looked like scoring and the game was largely a midfield encounter.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Wilson 7, Cavanagh 6, Dunn 6, D Wilson 5, Dimov 5, Kay 4, Sandy 5, Bradley 6, Markovski 5 (Coleho 52), Fletcher 6, Thornthwaite 5.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: MacLaren 6, Healy 5, Fernandes 5, Durakovic 6, Blair 5, Wade 6, Boutsianis 6, Petersen 7, Taliadoros 5, Tasios 6, Tsolakis 7.

YELLOW CARDS: Cavanagh 6m, Kay 20m (WM), Durakovic 3m, Tasios 76m (SM).

REFEREE: Peter Spiers 5.

LATEST SPORTSCENE POINTS

7: Stubbins (Heid), Filan (St Geo).

6: Bundalo (Apia), Davidson (Melb Croat), Gonzales (Parra Melita).

5: Catlin (Marc), Hannah (Melb Croatia), Tsolakis (Sth Melb).

PASCOE VALE SPORTSCENE AWARD

Melita v George C

- 3 Kindtner (GC)
- 2 C. Foster (GC)
- 1 Gonzalez (ME)

Marconi v Preston

- 3 Gray (M)
- 2 Catlin (M)
- 1 Lowe (M)

Melb. Croatia v APIA

- 3 Hannah (MC)
- 2 Marth (MC)
- 1 Ellem (A)

Heidelberg v Wollongong

- 3 Stubbins (H)
- 2 McDowall (H)
- 1 Yankos (WC)

St George v Syd Olympic

- 3 Filan (SG)
- 2 Baillie (SG)
- 1 Hristodoulou (SO)

Woll Macedonia v SM Hellas

- 3 Petersen (SMH)
- 2 Wilson (WM)
- 1 Tsolakis (SM)

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1989/90 champions Sydney Olympic struggled last week to draw 0-0 with a valiant St George.

Coach Mick Hickman will welcome back a valiant Grant Lee this week.

Lee is one of the Blues' unsung heroes.

Wollongong Macedonia has done wonders, collecting four points from four draws, and so remaining unbeaten to date, one point ahead of their rivals, the Wollongong Wolves.

Adelaide City's catch up match on Wednesday night against Sydney Croatia has great meaning.

The stylist South Australians, with only one point, needs to lift themselves to begin to make any sort of challenge.



Wollongong BHP Wolves' hard-grafting midfielder David Skeen

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Melb. Croatia too hot for Apia

BY GREG BLAKE

MELBOURNE Croatia powered away to an emphatic 3-0 win over a disappointing Apia-Leichhardt under unseasonably hot Melbourne sunshine at Somers Street yesterday.

It was the Melbourne's side best ever victory over Apia, and convincing enough to suggest that Croatia is well on target for its third successive finals series.

Despite pre-match selection problems, Ante Grgic's lineup

hardly put a foot wrong against an Apia team which found itself playing against the breeze for 90 minutes.

Although the wind hampered Apia's chances, as it changed direction at halftime to blow against the Sydney side, it wasn't only the blustery breeze which killed off the visitors.

Croatia's composure at the back, where George Hannah played a starring role, and its potent midfield were the keys to Croatia's win.

Grgic had his problems when champion midfielder Branko

Milosevic failed to front for the kick-off.

In his place came talented new signing Damir Petravic, who looked classy before tiring and having to be replaced after 50 minutes.

It transpired that Milosevic had been involved in a motor accident on his way to the game, and when he finally appeared off the bench he fired his side in his own breathtaking manner.

Croatia might have scored twice in the early going, as it stormed forward by utilising long balls with the wind.

But it took until the 34th minute for the home side to break through, when Ivan Kelic rose high to head past two Apia defenders after meeting Paul Donnelly's free kick on the left.

Apia's purple patch came in a ten minute spell after the interval when its chances on breaking back into the match relied on an early goal.

But David Miller's reflex save from Peter Murray and missed chances by Brian

second half as Alan Davidson's long ball from defence was chased by Kelic into the box, and Milan Blagojevic could only chase back and bring down the forward from behind.

Milosevic shot truly from the resultant penalty to make it 2-0.

Croatia made it 3-0 with two minutes left on the clock when a shot from Kelic came back off the crossbar.

In the goalmouth scramble Apia substitute Mark Brown could only sidefoot the ball into the roof of his own net.

Croatia coach Grgic confounded the press gallery by saying that he was happy with result but disappointed with the team's effort.

For Manfred Schaefer of Apia there were "no excuses".

"We had the right attitude and we should have scored early in the second half," he said.

"We were well in there."

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Miller 7, Marth 8, Hannah 8, Davidson 8, Donnelly 6, Tallich 7, Petravic 6 (Awaritefe 50m), Biskic 6, Selemidis (Milosevic 28m 7), Kelic 7, Caleta 6.

Stubbins stars for Heidelberg

BY JOHN MANGAN

HEIDELBERG'S marathon men continued their gruelling 1990 programme with a comfortable 2-0 victory over a disappointing Wollongong City at the Olympic Village yesterday.



GEORGE SLIFKAS (Heidelberg)

With most teams only a month into their season, Heidelberg has been battling non stop since March.

Its victory owed much to the mercurial abilities of midfielder Phil Stubbins who scored the first goal and set up the second.

"We made it difficult for ourselves," said Wollongong boss David Ratcliffe after the game. "We lacked the commitment in the first 25 minutes of the game and just watched them play," he said.

Stubbins opened the scoring in the fifth minute with a shot rifled in from an acute angle.

He sealed the victory for Heidelberg in the 37th minute by robbing Wollongong midfielder Paul Farmer and pushing forward.

His through ball found Paul Lewis who brought the crowd to their feet with a weaving run in the penalty area before shooting the ball past goalkeeper George Bouhoutos.

George Slifkas is Heidelberg's only injury

worry. He came off in the 15th minute with a torn cartilage which, doctors say, will sideline him for ten days.

Despite a mediocre first half Wollongong City refused to give up and were unlucky not to score in the second term.

Midway through the second half, midfielder, David Skeen got behind the Heidelberg defence only to see his shot scrape the crossbar.

Lawrie McKinna also had a clear opportunity to score in the 71st minute when Jock Morland put him through, but he was thwarted by former Socceroo goalkeeper Jeff Olver.

HEIDELBERG: Olver 6, Bratten 6, Iliopoulos 6, McDowall 7, Cannell 7, Slifkas (Kanesoulis 15m 6), Stubbins 8, Herd 5, Lewis 6, Goutzioulis 6, Stevenson 6.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Bouhoutos 6, Green 6, Hollifield 6, Morland 7, Yankos 7, Lloyd 5, Skeen 6, Farmer 5 (Bate 58m), McKinna 6, McEvoy 5 (Hristovski 65m), Kuc 6.

SCORERS: Stubbins 5m, Lewis 37m for Heidelberg.

YELLOW CARDS: McKinna (WC).

REFEREE: C. Bambridge 7.

CROWD: 2000 (approx).



David Clarkson of Sunshine takes a throw in the match against Parramatta Melita at Melita Stadium on Saturday night. His team won 4-2. Pic: STEPHEN GOSCH.

Ellem and substitute David Batten put paid to Apia's brief resurgence, and the tired and lethargic Sydneysiders effectively retired from the contest.

Melbourne Croatia struck with venom for its second goal some 23 minutes into the

APIA LEICHHARDT: Hughes 5, Blagojevic 7, Jennings 5, Stewart 6, Okon 5, Clinch 5, Ellem 8, Gomez 5, McFadden 3 (Batten 55m), Bundalo 5, Murray 5 (M Brown 71m).

Goals: Kelic 34m, Milosevic pen 68m, M Brown own goal 88m (Melbourne Croatia).

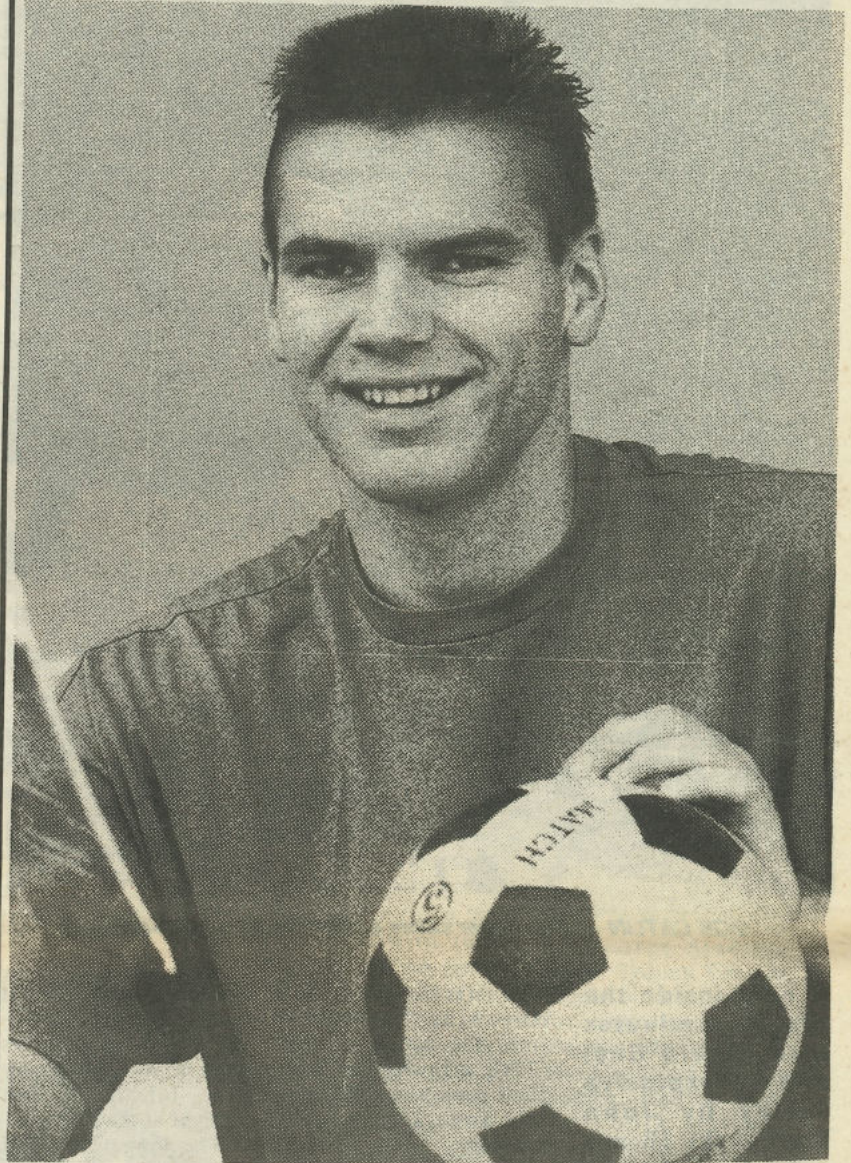
Yellow cards: Milosevic 62m (Melb Croatia); Blagojevic 48m, Stewart 78m (Apia).

Referee: D Voutsinis 6.

Crowd: 2750.

Filan denies two points to Olympic

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



Saints' exciting young striker Tony Krslovic.

A valiant St George courageously held Sydney Olympic to a 0-0 scoreline last night at the St George Stadium despite the NSL champions having bombarded the St George goals.

The second half saw Olympic rain in shot after shot as the league champions desperately chased the winner.

Shots from Hristodoulou (57th, 59th), Robbie Ironside (64th, 78th) and Tony Spyridakos (86th) all failed to find their elusive target.

Ironically, eight minutes from time, Saints almost stole the match when rugged midfielder Craig Moffitt broke clear of the Olympic defence but horrendously blasted from point-blank range straight into the eager arms of goalkeeper Clint Gosling.

Sydney Olympic drastically missed the lethal crosses of right midfielder Grant Lee who did not start the match due to injury.

However, coach Mick Hickman was forced nine minutes from time to bring Lee on in a desperate attempt to pull the match out of the

fire. St George, using intelligent, well disciplined defensive tactics in the first session, soaked up all pressure thrust on them by a rampant Sydney Olympic.

But Olympic failed to take advantage of their numerical superiority in the midfield and squandered chances with undisciplined forward raids.

In the 14th minute midfielder Eric Hristodoulou rocked John Filan's crossbar from 25 metres with a vicious dipping drive after Robbie Ironside's point blank drive had been parried.

In the 20th minute Olympic striker Scott Ollerenshaw tried a spectacular overhead bicycle kick from the edge of the box that had Filan fully stretched to his right to save on the line.

Gary Phillips six minutes later volleyed from 25 metres but was just wide to the left.

Saints on two occasions threatened dangerously by using the long ball to find roving striker Osvaldo El Ali.

But, in the first in-

stance, centre back Andrew Bernal blocked his progress to the target and in the second El Ali's shot flashed one metre wide of Gosling's post.

Mick Hickman Olympic's coach lamented his team's missed chances.

"We played well, but got nothing out of it," he said.

St George coach Frank Arok was more philosophical, stating: "We also played well but only in the first session, as our attack was not what I would have liked it to have been. The game ended without goals but I would have been happier with a 2-2 scoreline to give the fans something."

"Once again tonight we have seen the magnificence of our goalkeeper John Filan who will serve Australia proudly."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling 6, Barrett 6, Bernal 6, Spyridakos 6, Hooker 6, Phillips 5 (Lee 81), Hristodoulou 6, Ironside 6, Refenes 5, Hagan 6, Ollerenshaw 5.

ST GEORGE: Filan 8, Milicevic 6, O'Shea 6, Moffitt 6, Koczka 6, Baillie 6, Harper 7, Kakakios 6 (Ilic 46m 6), Bingley 6; Krslovic 6, El Ali 6.

YELLOW CARDS: Bernal 44m, Barrett 55m (Syd Oly), Moffitt 34m El Ali 36m (StG), O'Shea 56m (St Geo).

REFEREE: B Monteverde 7.

CROWD: 3548.



Georgie's new signing from Brunswick Juventus, Damian Mori, in action against Melita Eagles — STEPHEN GOSCH photo.

Happy Ernie cracks first league points

By JOHN ECONOMOS

ERNIE MERRICK, Sunshine George Cross' chirpy Scottish coach, was all smiles last Saturday night after watching his young side defeat Melita Eagles 4-2 at the Melita Stadium.

Sunshine's counter-attacking proved most lethal as it repeatedly caught Melita off-guard. This result brought Ernie his very first points of the season in the NSL.

ASW approached the jovial Ernie in Sunshine's dressing rooms where joy reigned supreme following the team's first win of the season.

Merrick said his side deserved to win.

"My team is the

youngest in the NSL with an average age of only 21," he said.

"Did you know that five of my players are still not 20 years old?"

"Andy Humble, our striker signed from Croydon City, is the eldest at 26.

"In the past our midfield has been naive in their defensive work. Our back four was not at fault.

"We created many chances in previous matches but failed to convert them.

ASW readers should watch Melita's Greg Brown's spectacular first goal (scored in the 32nd minute) tonight on ABC-TV's 'Big Match'.

You might not see a better one this season.

Sun finally shines on George Cross

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

PERENIAL strugglers Sunshine George Cross bounced back from three successive defeats to register their first win of the season with a rousing 4-2 victory over Melita Eagles at South Granville on Saturday night.

This enthralling see-sawing battle was not decided until the final five minutes after both teams gave fans great value for money with a thrilling contest which could easily have gone Melita's way.

Melita coach Raul Blanco was forced to field a depleted line-up because of injuries and suspensions, but perhaps the biggest shock was the dropping of Sunshine's experienced goalkeeper Sean Keogh in favour of teenager Frank Talia by coach Ernie Merrick.

For half an hour the visitors were well on top, new signing Andy Humble sending his header crashing against the crossbar and getting behind a square Melita defence on numerous occasions before hitting the front in the 21st minute.

Midfielder Craig Foster provided a slide rule pass into the path of Troy Cranney inside the box and the youngster made no mistake in sending his low shot beneath a sprawling Alex McPherson.

Georgie were well on top, forcing the Sydney keeper to pull off two great saves within a minute from Clarkson and Lorenz Kindtner, but Melita striker Greg Brown stunned the Victorians with an equaliser 10 minutes later which will surely emerge as a leading contender for goal of the year.

Sweeper Washington Gonzalez surged forward in attack to find Brown lurking inside the area and in the blink of an eyelid the



GEORGE ALEVISOS

big striker pounced to send his thunderous drive into the roof of the net past a bewildered Talia.

That goal inspired the Eagles to really turn on the heat.

When Brown was on the spot again to pick up an intelligent Jarek Nowicki ball two minutes before the break and calmly chip the 'keeper for a 2-1 lead, Melita looked to have the match won, but the battling Sunshine refused to lie down.

Clarkson floated his cross to the far post right on half-time to find Chris Ketsakidis, who made no mistake with his header after McPherson was clearly impeded as he came out to collect.

The second half continued in the same vein, a torrid end to end struggle which kept the fans on the edge of their seats; but while Melita had much the better of it, they could not convert their chances and it was Sunshine who finally broke the deadlock in the final 10 minutes.

Young Socceroo midfielder Kindtner

was perhaps the best player on the park and had a major influence on the final outcome.

He played a neat wall pass with Derek Hunter before cutting the ball back from the byeline for substitute George Alevisos to drive home.

Three minutes later, it was Kindtner himself who put the issue beyond doubt when he ran on to Humble's low cross before applying the coup de grace from five metres to give Sunshine their first points of the season.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson 6, Williams 6 (Vial 45m 5), O'Donnell 6, Barrios 5, Gonzalez 7, Cerro 5, Nowicki 6, Gimenez 6, Soper 6, Brown 6, Gunning 5 (Mason 66m).

SUNSHINE: Talia 6, Mori 6, Roodhouse 6, Waddell 6, Ketsakidis 6 (Alevisos 75m), C. Foster 7, Kindtner 8, Hunter 6, Humble 6, Clarkson 6, Cranney 6.

SCORERS: Cranney 26m, Ketsakidis 45m, Alevisos 80m, Kindtner 83m for Sunshine; Brown 32 & 43m for Melita.

YELLOW CARDS: Gimenez 44m, Soper 77m for Melita; C. Foster 49m for Sunshine.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc 6.

CROWD: 2625.

QUIT NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melbourne Croatia	4	3	1	0	10	4	7
Marconi	4	3	0	1	9	2	6
South Melbourne	4	2	2	0	6	3	6
Sydney Olympic	4	1	3	0	3	2	5
Heidelberg United	4	2	0	2	6	4	4
St George	4	1	2	1	5	5	4
Wollongong Mace	4	0	4	0	3	3	4
Preston	4	2	0	2	6	7	4
Sydney Croatia	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
Wollongong City	4	1	1	2	3	5	3
APIA Leichhardt	4	1	1	2	4	7	3
Melita Eagles	4	0	2	2	4	7	2
Sunshine GC	4	1	0	3	9	15	2
Adelaide City	3	0	1	2	4	7	1

Results

MELITA EAGLES 2 (Brown 2) SUNSHINE 4 (Cranney, Ketsakidis, Alevisos, Kindtner) at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 2625.
MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Kelic, Milosevic, o.g. Brown) **APIA 0** at Somers St. Crowd: 2750.
HEIDELBERG 2 (Stubbins, Lewis) **Wollongong City 0** at Olympic Village. Crowd: 2000.
MARCONI 2 (Seal, Markovski) **PRESTON 0** at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 4860.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 ST GEORGE 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 3548.
WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 at Brandon Park. Crowd: 3682.
 Adelaide City v Sydney Croatia postponed.

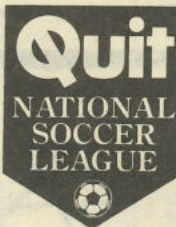
CROWDS

ROUND 4: 19,465*
 AVERAGE PER GAME: 3,244*
 TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 85,865*
 AVERAGE PER ROUND: 21,466*
 * Adelaide City v Sydney Croatia still to play.

TOP SCORERS

DAVID SEAL (Marconi)	4
PHIL STUBBINS (Heidelberg)	3
WARREN SPINK (Preston)	3
TONY KRSLOVIC (St George)	3
KIM TALIADOROS (South Melbourne)	3
GREG BROWN (Melita Eagles)	3

QUIT NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



**WEEKEND
FIXTURES
ROUND 5**



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
 Middle Park 6pm

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v ADELAIDE CITY
 Skinner Reserve 6pm

APIA LEICHHARDT v MELITA EAGLES
 Lambert Park 5pm

PRESTON MAKEDONIA v MELBOURNE CROATIA
 Connor Reserve 6pm

WOLLONGONG CITY v MARCONI
 Brandon Park 7pm

ST GEORGE BSC v HEIDELBERG UNITED
 St George Stad. 7pm

SYDNEY CROATIA v WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA
 Croatian Spts C 7pm



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40 applications for vital soccer post

BY PAUL KLARIC of AAP

FOUNDATIONS for Australian soccer's transition to a major sport have been laid with the establishment of five new full time positions, according to Australian Soccer Federation



ALAN VESSEY
general manager
Alan Vessey.

Vessey said more than 40 replies had been received for the job of ASF marketing and promotions officer, the fifth and final position to be filled this year, when applications closed.

The other ASF positions filled recently are a full time accountant, which was previously done on a part-time basis, two full-time national coaches (senior coach Eddie

Thomson and assistant Les Scheinflug), a national director of coaching (former South Australia coaching director Mike Wells) and a national development officer (Australian Sports Commission official and national women's coach Steve Darby).

"What we are doing is addressing the fact that we are a business as much as a sport and we have got to address it in a businesslike manner," Vessey said.

He added that the new marketing and promotions position covered three areas previously neglected due to lack of staff.

The first task will be to service the existing sponsorship from the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation, which is close to \$1 million and to generate additional sponsorship for the ASF and the National Soccer League.

Vessey said the second aspect will be the co-ordination of media activities for the ASF and the NSL, while the third was the implementation of licensing and merchandising programs, including production of replica Soccerroo jerseys and similar products.

Vessey said he expected a decision to be made in December for the job to start in January.

Rivalry over venue for game

BY PAUL KLARIC of AAP

INTENSE competition is emerging between Sydney and Melbourne as both cities bid to host next June's clash of the decade between Australia and England.

Australian Soccer Federation general manager Alan Vessey has already moved to reject Melbourne press reports claiming the city's Olympic Park is warm favourite to stage the event.

Vessey confirmed the race was between Olympic Park and Sydney's Football Stadium but said neither could be considered a favourite at this stage.

"Both venues have positives and negatives which will be considered by the ASF board of commissioners in December or January," Vessey said.

Vessey said he spoke to Victorian premier Joan Kirner at the Victorian Soccer Federation Gold Medal awards earlier this month and she enquired about the deficiencies of Olympic Park in regard to international soccer.

"I explained to her the reason why Sydney will always start ahead of Victoria, especially with regard to Australia versus England where FIFA (soccer's international governing body) would require a match like that to be played at an all seat stadium," he said.

"From an economic sense it allows us to sell reserved seating which you couldn't do at Olympic Park in its present state."

"The positive aspects



Des Walker in action against Italy's Roberto Baggio at Italia '90. Will Sydney or Melbourne get to see England next June?

for Olympic Park are the surface, despite its problems at present which can be resolved, and the clean (advertising) stadium aspect which allows you to sell signage associated with the broadcast of the match back in the United Kingdom," he said.

Vessey said the only disadvantage with the Sydney Football Stadium was that it already had existing signage contracts around the ground.

But Vessey said because most stadiums had 'clear day' clauses in their advertising contracts, Sydney would be able to cover up the existing signs for the England clash.

"The Sydney Football Stadium would probably give us that for this match but to put Olympic Park as close as possible on par with the Sydney Football Stadium seating has to be available for pre-sale," he said.

Vessey said the ASF would wait until the outcome of the November

13 meeting between the VSF, Olympic Park management and the Victorian Government before making a decision.

The VSF and Olympic Park management have come together for the first of several meetings before next month's meeting with Kirner.

VSF assistant executive director Terry Jones said both groups planned to present a detailed submission to Kirner in an effort to establish Olympic Park as a "prestige soccer venue".

"We will be doing everything in our power to get this match for Melbourne," he said.

The match is scheduled for Saturday, June 1 and the pre-match build up is expected to overshadow both rugby league and Australian rules, especially if England brings its stars from its Italia 90 World Cup campaign such as strikers Paul Gascoigne and Gary Lineker and David Platt.

1990/91 NSL CUP

THE NSL Cup will kick off with the first round of the competition on Wednesday, November 21, in Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Wollongong.

In order that a winner emerges from each match, extra-time will be played if the match is tied at the completion of 90 minutes.

Should the scores still remain tied after extra-time, penalty kicks shall decide the match.

Preston Makedonia and Melita Eagles have received byes in the first round and in the second Round Melita plays the winner of the match between Adelaide City and St George BSC, whilst Preston will play the winner of the game between Marconi and Sydney Croatia.

Cup holders South Melbourne Hellas start their defence of the title against their old adversaries, Heidelberg United, at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

1990/91 NSL CUP

ROUND 1

WED. NOVEMBER 21

Adelaide City	vs St George	8pm Hindmarsh
Sth Melbourne	vs Heidelberg Utd	6pm Olympic
Melb. Croatia	vs Sunshine G.C.	8pm Park
W'gong City	vs W'gong Mace.	7.30pm Brandon Park
Marconi	vs Sydney Croatia	7.30pm Marconi
Sydney Oly	vs Apia	7.30pm St George

ROUND 2

WED. DECEMBER 5

Melita Eagles	vs Winner 'A'	7.30pm Melita Stad.
Winner 'B'	vs Winner 'C'	8pm Olympic Park
Winner 'D'	vs Winner 'F'	7.30pm T.B.A.
Winner 'E'	vs Preston Mak.	7.30pm Marconi Stad.

SEMI-FINALS

WED. FEBRUARY 6

Winner 'G'	vs Winner 'H'	8pm T.B.A.
Winner 'I'	vs Winner 'J'	7.30pm T.B.A.

FINAL SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Winner 'K'	vs Winner 'L'	3pm T.B.A.
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Manly, North in shake-up

NEXT Winter season could see one major north side club taking its place in the reconstructed NSW First Division.

Already North Shore, mortally wounded by being unable to secure a decent ground from Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai and Willoughby Councils, has decided to throw in its lot with Manly Warringah.

Now NSW Federation general manager Ian Holmes is pressing Warringah-Freshwater to seriously consider joining in.

As it stands, Warringah has to use Manly-Warringah's home ground, Cromer Park.

There is no other halfway decent ground available.

The undeniable fact is that Manly Warringah has a high class ground, subsidiary fields, excellent amenities and a now prospering adjacent licensed club.

Down the years it has been crystal-clear that there is room for one major northside club.

Manly Warringah club president Keith Pester believes that a high standard of management can be provided to enable spectator soccer to kick ahead in the huge area.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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MARCONI Marconi Stadium, Marconi Rd, Bossley Park.
PARRAMATTA MELITA Melita Stadium, Everley Rd, South Granville.
ST GEORGE St George Stadium, Bestic St, Rockdale.
SYDNEY CROATIA Croatian Sports Centre, 223-227 Edensor Rd, Edensor Park.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC St George Stadium, Bestic St, Rockdale.

MELBOURNE

HEIDELBERG UTD Olympic Village, Catalina St, East Heidelberg.
MELBOURNE CROATIA Somers St, Lot 2 Somers St, Sunshine North.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA BT Connor Reserve Broadhurst Ave, Reservoir.
SOUTH MELBOURNE Middle Park, Anghtie Drive, St Kilda West.
SUNSHINE GC Skinner Reserve, Churchill Ave, Braybrook.

ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE CITY Hindmarsh Stadium, Holden St, Hindmarsh.
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WOLLONGONG

WOLLONGONG CITY Brandon Park, Squires Way, Fairy Meadow.
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PELE — THE KING OF KINGS

A report from a past issue of famous French sports newspaper L'EQUIPE

WHEN the results of our 'champion of the century' poll of twenty major daily newspapers from around the world saw Pelé come out on top, we were delighted.

Admittedly we ourselves had placed the unforgettable Jesse Owens in front of Brazil's football star, but in this sort of ranking it is almost inevitable that the individual sports come out ahead of team-based prowess.

In fact, this time the exception proves the rule.

The very absoluteness of world re-

cords and Olympic gold fires the imagination far more than any other achievement, no matter how outstanding.

When Jesse Owens took out four gold medals at the Games, and so brilliantly besides, the glory of his feat was destined to remain for posterity.

And yet evaluating the exceptional abilities of a footballer, a rugby player or a basketball star is more a matter of personal, subjective judgement.

So much so that in our top ten there was only one champion from a team sport.

And now that



Pelé's great trademark — the bicycle or scissor kick.



by the most talented of its exponents it becomes an art form.

Take the skills of speed, flexibility, virtuosity, intelligence, lucidity... and that favours team sense which so often seems to clash with even the most generous of personal results.

And because in Pelé there is something of Jesse Owens, Borg and Fangio, along with a lot of others... Pelé, this Brazilian champion has elevated the greatest of team sports above all those who usually carry off the laurels.

Without any hesitation, then, let us give credit where it is due: as Pelé mounts the podium, up there with him is the greatest sport in the world.

— MARCEL HANSENNE

Flashback to 1972 — Santos Tour with Pelé BRAZILIAN TEAM'S CASH DEMAND DELAYS GAME

BY PETER ALLEN

THE visiting Brazilian Soccer team, Santos, led by the magical Pelé, caused a sensation yesterday by refusing to play until it received a match fee in cash of \$36,000.

While thousands of Soccer fans poured into the Sports Ground for Santos' eagerly awaited clash against Australia, the Brazilians remained in their Rushcutter Bay motel.

Australian Soccer Federation officials frantically tried to solve the problem while 32,000 anxious fans packing the ground were unaware of the drama.

The federation president, Sir Arthur George, said later: "It's the most amazing experience I've had in 30 years of business."

The match, which ended in a thrilling 2-all draw, finished under floodlights because of Santos' late arrival.

The main problem was that the Brazilians, the most experienced Soccer players ever to come to

Australia, wanted their match fee only in American dollars.

Santos first made the cash demand to ASF secretary Mr Brian Le Fevre on Friday.

Mr Le Fevre immediately sent couriers to banks and other sources to collect the American money but after scouring Sydney, the ASF could raise only \$US20,000.

This was given to Santos on Friday night, along with a cheque for \$16,000 Australian.

Complications

Further complications arose yesterday morning when Santos demanded the remaining cash on arrival at the ground.

Bewildered ASF officials took back the cheque and had to pay the \$16,000 out of the gate takings before Santos would agree to take the field.

"If they had accepted Australian money in the first place there would not have been any problems," Mr Le Fevre said.

"But they insisted on being paid in American money."



Pelé at the 1958 World Cup in Sweden.

single champion has been promoted to first place above all the others — athletes, cyclists, tennis players, swimmers, boxers, skiers, gymnasts, golfers and yachtsmen.

Very few representatives of team competition featured among the fifty-seven people named: Pelé at No. 1 was joined only by Babe Ruth (baseball, No. 13), Chamberlain (basketball, No. 28) and Di Stefano (football, equal 28th).

As for the great Dutch footballer Johan Cruyff, he came in fifty-fifth, with only one point — 177 points less than Pelé, on record forever.

The gap certainly appears excessive.

Even Pelé was unable to conceal his surprise at the difference.

And yet even coming in fiftieth on a list like this is something to be proud of.

After all it constitutes a ranking in pretty prestigious company.

And so our international jury has named a football player above all others, a rightful victory, in the words of Czech athlete Emil Zatopek (who came

in seventh), because it honours the number one player of the number one sport.

Indeed, through Pelé, honour goes to football as a whole — to its universal appeal and marvelous simplicity.

Of course the simplest thing is also the most complex, and while football may be an easy game to follow and understand, when played

A preview of the 1972 visit of Pelé and the Santos Club

Pelé on view next Friday

PELE, the fabulous Brazilian Soccer star, will have his first run on a Sydney Soccer field at Rushcutter Bay Oval next Friday.

He will train with Santos of Brazil, the world's top Soccer team at 10am.

Santos arrives in Sydney next Thursday morning for a match with an Australian Eleven on Saturday at the Sports Ground.

Pelé will lead the Santos attack in almost certainly his sole appearance in Australia.

The magic of Pelé has filled Soccer stadiums throughout the world and Sydney fans are unlikely to spoil this record.

Sydney Soccer officials yesterday reported fantastic ticket sales for the

Santos match.

They confidently predict \$75,000 sell out "gate".

Aulden Brown, secretary of the Sydney Federation said he could not recall a greater demand for reserved seats to a Soccer match.

Santos will leave the international airport minutes after their arrival on Thursday for their motel at Rushcutter Bay.

The team will sleep throughout the day to recover from their long flight and fit themselves for Friday's work out.

The Australian side to meet Santos face a strenuous program this weekend.

They meet England's Wolverhampton Wanderers in Melbourne on Sunday and again on Monday at the Sydney Sports Ground.



Wollongong and Canberra best over 1990 NSWSL season

PAUL GOODWIN SUMS UP THE NSW 1990 1ST DIVISION

WITH the Premiership rounds now a hazy memory, the hurried Championship series quickly over and the Gold Medal Awards night just behind us, State League One supporters may care to reflect on a most unusual season, with the benefit of hindsight.

A long delay in starting the competition pleased nobody, and it was with some reluctance that most clubs embarked on the 1990 season.

The two most ambitious clubs, Wollongong Macedonia and Canberra Croatia made it clear from the outset that they had promotion at the head of the agenda.

As it turned out the Wollongong side went through the season undefeated and although there were times when single points were dropped and others when late goals yielded the necessary result, most would accept that the Macedonian club were worthy winners.

They had a disastrous start in pre-season, losing Stefan Janic and Warwick Young during a clash with Sydney Macedonia, but with Greg Brown stepping in on loan from Melita for the major part of the season and English-

Canberra Croatia in the final to wrap up the double for the retiring coach de Bruin.

Canberra Croatia had looked the part right from the word go, but the absence of Ned Zelic on international duty, the sudden departure of Tony Lemeza for Yugoslavia when leading the scorers and a tight schedule, due to wash-outs, all contributed to a loss of form which saw them wind up out of contention.

Sutherland enjoyed their best season for a while and the inclusion of Graham Arnold and John Kosmina boosted the team which was unbeaten for a long period in the season.

Neither of the big names were available together regularly, with Arnold required for a tour of Yugoslavia by his parent club Sydney Croatia and Kosmina involved in television engagements.

Grant Bard was the big success story, claiming a swag of goals, though the tally dried up near the end as opposition sides kept a tight rein on the former Ku-ring-gai and Apia striker.

St George surprised many with their commitment and the results were a credit to the club, especially when it is considered that there were team changes made each week as NSL hopefuls were put under the

microscope.

John Filan for instance was sharing the goalkeeping duties with Andrew Prentice and the defence was shuffled about to great effect.

Osvaldo El Ali made a big impact and is sure to make a name in the national arena at the second attempt, having previously played at Marconi.

Manager

Sydney Macedonia did as well as anyone could have expected for a side which remained basically the one which won promotion from 2nd Division.

Wisely the club did not splurge on the transfer market in a season which had little real significance for most participants.

Skipper and newly appointed manager, Billy Pilovski, had a steady season at the helm and with many years of 1st Division experience handled the transition with ease.

His reward of the Gold Medal was fitting and his service in the areas of schools education and publicity for the Yagoona-based side were an example for other State League clubs to follow.

Rockdale-Ilinden, Pilovski's old club, had a fair year under John Fleming, unearthing a prolific striker in Bruno Beddoni, who cracked in 14 goals and introducing two Yugoslav imports Mendo Ralevski and Blagoje Petrovski who, once they settled down, showed signs that they will be a force to be reckoned with.

Goals were not forthcoming from the others, however, in sufficient quantity to secure regular wins and the side settled for a position well outside the top four.

Newcastle's representatives, BHP Au-



BILL PILOVSKI

stral, did not perform as well as they might have wished, but as the season progressed they picked up and finished the season in sparkling form.

Robbie Ironside and Gary Phillips made a useful contribution and the team conceded only nine goals, easily the best defensive record in the league.

Up front, however, the players struggled and only when Costa Caimakamis returned from injury did they begin to fire in that department.

Brett Porter and Simon Brandt had little luck in front of goal and three of the players shared top billing with a meagre four goals apiece in the scorers list, namely Howard Tredinnick, Pol Krstevski and Caimakamis.

Stunner

Warringah-Freshwater was a side expected to struggle, but new coach Glenn Sterey, hampered by injuries to himself and many key players, pulled off some stunning

results and a position on the ladder which must have delighted the club's backers.

Anthony Versi was a great capture, Vic Masi underrated, but a vital cog and Grant Lee on loan from Sydney Olympic was a big boost to the Northern Sydney side.

Blacktown City was expected to challenge strongly for promotion, but after looking good early, only to go down narrowly several times, there were coaching changes and a concentration on developing youth, once it became apparent that the senior players could not win promotion.

By mid-season things improved markedly and eventually the Demons became one of the most attractive and capable sides on show.

Wollongong City were not expected to pull up any trees and began very poorly.

They then got into their stride and performed very well indeed, recording an important win over Canberra Croatia which gave neighbours Wollongong Macedonia much needed bre-

athing space.

They brought along some useful NSL material, including Steve Krishna, Jason Oldridge, Jeff Allport and Declan McEvoy who all made rapid strides.

John Danzo grabbed seven useful goals and the former Fairy Meadow prospect stood out in a very youthful, but capable outfit.

Polonia had an ordinary year, by their standards.

Reasonable defensive qualities, but the efforts of Jarek Nowicki in cutting through so many defences went to waste as so few chances were taken.

Marshall Soper managed only three goals, and in one game at that, while the midfielders weighed in with the rest.

Most of their goals seemed to come from the dead ball situation and the poor standard of many pitches may have hindered their normal flowing game.

Enigma

Canterbury-Mar-

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ON PAGE 17



OSVALDO EL ALI

man Tony Morley filling in towards the end, they managed to survive.

The decision to coax former Olympic goalie Peter Wilson out of a premature retirement paid off and Casey de Bruin's men did enough to stay at the top after settling there early on.

Paul Kay, John Bradley and Adam Sandy were vital to the side's ambitions and although injured at various stages, battled away with a good deal of courage to keep the ship on an even keel.

The Premiership safely in their keeping and National League beckoning, the South Coast side proceeded to march through the semi-finals and beat

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Melbourne QNSL clubs after big bickies

BY GREG BLAKE

A report in Melbourne's 'Herald-Sun' newspaper has revealed an ambitious plan by local QNSL clubs to raise "millions of dollars".

The story, uncovered by journalist Shane Bourke, says Melbourne's Olympic Park would be turned into a "giant poker machine stadium" in a bid to relieve the financial problems of the Melbourne QNSL teams.

Bourke says that the QNSL has called on the Victorian State Government to back its plans to make Olympic Park its headquarters and the gambling centre of Victoria.

QNSL officials are expected to unveil the plan to government ministers this week.

QNSL officials are hoping that the support of thousands of soccer fans in Victoria will see the Victorian State Government change its stance on poker machines.

QNSL chairman Sam Papasavas told the 'Herald-Sun' that he believed the State Government could solve all its financial problems with the support of Melbourne's soccer fans.

He said that pressure was growing from clubs in Melbourne to introduce gambling facilities to help finance the development of their sports.

"Soccer clubs in NSW are getting stronger all the time because they have the money to spend on developing the sport," Mr Papasavas was quoted as saying.

"And there is no doubt that it would be a big financial winner for the Government."

The soccer proposal is one of a number submitted by various groups who are interested in seeing the Government soften its anti-gambling stances.

The introduction of poker machines into Victoria is seen as the first step in that direction.

The question of the use of Olympic Park as Melbourne's official

soccer headquarters has been raised on a number of occasions previously.

The Victorian Soccer Federation has long been considering a move from its St Kilda headquarters and last year floated the suggestion of a move to Olympic Park.

More recently Sam Papasavas attacked the State Government on its apparent lack of interest in developing Olympic Park as a major sporting venue.

Puskas bloods Con Boutsianis

SOUTH Melbourne Hellas coach Ferenc Puskas has defended his sparing use of young National Soccer League newcomer Con Boutsianis, saying the 18-year-old needed more time to achieve the transition to the big league.



FERENC PUSKAS

Boutsianis, formerly a striker with Victorian State League club Caulfield City, has been in sensational form for South Melbourne as a substitute so far this season and appeared in the starting line-up for the first time in Sunday week's 3-1 win over Adelaide City.

Before that, Boutsianis scored the winning goals in South's Victorian Gold Cup win over Brunswick Juventus and in the win over Parramatta Melita Eagles, in which he also set up the equaliser, prompting calls from South fans for him to be a

regular inclusion in the team.

But Puskas said Boutsianis, who was substituted in the 71st minute after getting cramp, is not yet physically tough enough and needs more time to develop.

"The boy is a good player, I know, and I never said he was a bad player," Puskas said.

"But right now he cannot play out a full match, as we saw this (past) game."

"He is still a young boy and his body needs to get tougher — going from the small league to the big is too much of a step all at once."

Paul Lewis returns to Wales

BY GREG BLAKE

WHEN Paul Lewis trudged off the pitch at the end of last weekend's battle against Wollongong City at the Olympic Village, with him went many memories.

By the time you read this he'll either be in transit to or back in his native north Wales.

He'll probably not return despite his regrets at having to leave Heidelberg early in their new QNSL campaign.

The nuggety 29-year-old has stuck with a commitment he made to his family some time back and he has returned to his roots.

"I'm leaving for family reasons," he told ASW on the eve of his departure.

"We had a death in the family earlier this year and my wife, in particular, was very upset."

"We decided then to return but I asked her to let us stay for the year and let me get the job done of helping Heidelberg back into the NSL."

"We did that, but it is still hard saying farewell when I'm still playing."

"I honestly wish there had been a break between seasons so I could have walked away then."

Lewis says his near ten years in Australia have been good for him and his family.

"I'd never knock the place, I've had too many good times here," he explained.

"I just feel that now that my two kids are getting older that we've got to get home and settle with our family ties."

"Out here we've only got my wife, the kids and me."

"At 29 it's time to go back."

Lewis says he has so many memories to treasure that he can't recall every one.

But rated highly by the elusive and consistent front man in his years at Green Gully "when we won two championships in a row and every cup competition."

"Playing for Victoria against New York Cosmos was another one."

"And at the end of my career here by finishing as I started (winning the championship and league top scorer) is a nice way to end it."

Lewis said he publicly wanted to thank many people, but in particular the likes of ex-Green Gully officials Arnold Langer, Paul Azzopardi and Guy Spiteri and ex-Gully coach Bobby McLachlan for helping bring him to Australia.

He also paid tribute to his coaches in Australia, especially Terry Hennessey, Len McKendry and John Gardiner.

"I've got nothing lined up playing wise when I get home, I'll just see what happens when I get there," he said.

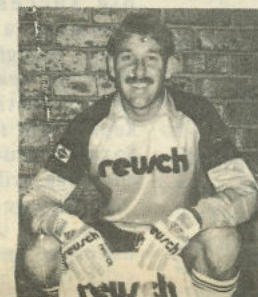
Lewis bows out of Victorian soccer having left an indelible mark.



Heidelberg's Paul Lewis slips around Greg Mills of Adelaide Hellas in an NSL play-off game.

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Well, it's time to pack the bags again and head for the country.

On this occasion the destination is the Western Region of Victoria at Bannockburn and Colac.

A three day expo will take place, which provides a glorious opportunity for local children and teachers to experience various sports.

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ticipating can learn and have fun.

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I will be joined by my colleagues in many other sports, with well known names such as Michelle Timms (basketball), Grant Weir (baseball), Rhonda Cater (badminton) and the list goes on.

These expos continue throughout the year, and already in 1990 8,881 children have enjoyed brushing shoulders with the development officers in many sports.

It expected that 870 will attend the Colac expo.

Congratulations to 3AK for showing enough initiative and courage to broadcast a Quit NSL game live on commercial radio.

From the feedback at VSF headquarters it can only continue to be a great success.

THE PAUL LEWIS RECORD

(includes league goals only)

YEAR	CLUB/S	COMPETITION	GOALS
1981	Green Gully	State League	2
1982	Green Gully	State League	23
1983	Green Gully	State League	31
1984	Sth Melb/G. Gully	NSL	12
1985	Green Gully	NSL	10
1986	Melb. Croatia	NSL	11
1987	Melb. Croatia	NSL	11
1988	Melb. Croatia	NSL	13
1989	S. George Cross	NSL	9
1989/90	S. George Cross	NSL	1
1990	Heidelberg	State League	21
1990/91	Heidelberg	NSL	0*

* Denotes to end of third round

Total league goals — 144 (in 232 league appearances)
NSL goals — 67 (in 146 league appearances)
State League goals — 77 (in 86 league appearances)

HONOURS —
State League titles — 1981, 82, 83, 89

Dockerty Cups — 1981, 82

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Andy Humble takes up cudgels for Sunshine George Cross

BY GREG BLAKE

ANDY Humble isn't about to be over-awed by what is shaping as a herculean task.

Humble, the aggregate top scorer over the past two Victorian State League seasons, might be aware of the pressure on him to reproduce that form at NSL level.

But that's not to say he's going to let that bother him.

Sunshine George Cross, which has managed a paltry 51 goals in its last 54 games, is looking to Humble to turn the tide.

With Paul Foster struggling for form, Gary Hasler yet to completely establish himself and sent off last week, and Ossie Latif many weeks away from a return from a long-term knee injury, the George Cross fans are already proclaimed Humble as the saviour.

"It's a nice compliment," is Humble's response. "But I'm just going there to do my best and give the best I can."

"If it works it works and if it doesn't it doesn't."

Humble, thrown on the junk-pile by Melbourne Croatia back in 1987, is nothing if not pragmatic about the move from Ian Dobson's Croydon City to Sunshine.



ANDY HUMBLE

times that if a side gets into them a bit they lose a bit of interest.

"A bit of experience might help them out."

"But they're a good footballing side and that suits me and I just hope I can do my bit."

Humble's only regret on moving back up to NSL level?

"I'm just a bit sad to leave Croydon — it's a great club and Dobo's a great bloke, he says."

"I reckon I'll finish up there again one day."

"I've got to take a

chance and I hope I can prove myself," he explains.

"But I'm not bothered about what other people think and I certainly don't feel like I've got anything to prove to anybody."

"What's important is to prove to myself that I can succeed in the NSL and pay back the faith shown in me by people like Ian Dobson, Graham French and Peter Ollerton."

"Even when Melbourne Croatia let me go they believed in me and continued to tell me I was good enough."

"That has given me the confidence to make the move back to the NSL."

"I thought I'd feel pressured but in fact I feel good about the whole thing."

If Humble has any reservations about moving from a Croydon side, which produced its best season since the 1985-86 championship years, to a Sunshine side which hasn't seen real success for a decade he isn't about to say so.

"Well, I've seen Sunshine play and they look pretty fit and skilful," he told ASW.

"They're a young side and perhaps they're just missing a bit of experience and maybe a bit of bottle."

"It has seemed at

PEGS' China adventure

BY GREG BLAKE



PENLEIGH & ESSENDON GRAMMAR SCHOOL: Back Row: J. Stambus, F. Licciardello, C. Pavia, P. Simon, M. Mihaljcek (sportsmaster). Mid. Row: Mrs R. Pierce (principal), T. Marinos, S. Souvlis, J. Longland, D. Brandi, J. Gridas, B. Chrisant, C. Hatzoglou, J. Wu (tour leader). Front: J. Angelovski, B. Kottias, T. Zenos, J. Petropoulos, L. Chiavaroli, S. Gazi.

PENLEIGH and Essendon Grammar School from Melbourne is set for its most exciting soccer adventure.

The school (PEGS) has been invited by both the Shanghai Da Tong Middle School and the Shanghai No.8 Middle School to play in an international soccer tournament in Shanghai itself.

PEGS' team is set to embark on its trip-of-a-lifetime on December 4 and will return four days before Christmas.

Included in its five match schedule is one against the Da Tong side, rated as the champion school team of Shanghai.

"The kids are absolutely thrilled about getting this chance," says half of the coaching team, Seb

Italia.

"It really is the trip of a lifetime for some of them."

PEGS has built up something of a tradition in the Associated Grammar Schools Soccer Competition over recent years.

PEGS is regarded as the measuring stick in the competition, having produced such fine players as John Anastasiadis (currently with Greek club PAOK), Lachlan Armstrong (apprenticed at Dun-

dee in Scotland), Michael Kagioglou (skipper of Vic first division Western Suburbs) and John Angelovski and Theo Mihal (both Vic under 14 reps).

PEGS boasts eleven teams and keys to their success are coaches Italia and Gary Reis.

Italia wanted to thank school principal Mrs Pierce as well as the local businesses who have donated prizes for raffles to raise money for the trip.

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Ansett World Cup

BY GREG BLAKE

AUSSIE coach Juan Hompart says he has high hopes for his squad competing in the Ansett World Cup in Melbourne in the coming weeks.

Hompart, the coach of Springvale Condors and the Victorian Women's under-21 side, believes his squad can do the green and gold proud in the mini-World Cup competition.

He also said he would like to thank Bayswater Indoor Soccer Centre, Oasis Nursery, Bilic Homes and Lyndale United Soccer Club for assisting the Aussie squad to get on to park for the competition.



JUAN HOMPART

Australia's squad for the Ansett World Cup, to be played at Northcote's John Cain Reserve, is: Lemma, Cristian Nesvara, Christian Ibea (Springvale Condors), Peter Kadlicek (Albion), Vincente De La Plaza, Gabriel Silva (Vic schoolboys), Joe Spiteri, John Grimaud

(Green Gully), Fernando Lopez (South Werribee), Adrian Lewis (Keilor Austria), Zjelko Cagula, Oliver (St Albans), Daryl Bilic (Lyndale United), Elk Masinkovic (Chelsea).

Masseur Hugo Lopez, team manager Javier Claveria, coach Juan Hompart.

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ASF is stymied over tours

BY KEITH GILMOUR

AUSTRALIA's ability to secure quality overseas opponents revolves around the fact that tours here no longer represent off season holidays.

That is the view coming through clearly to Australian Soccer Federation general secretary, Alan Vessey.

He said: "Australian football has developed to the extent that there are few easy matches for tourists to Australia."

"Visiting clubs can't treat the games as holidays, so only too often they are not prepared to come."

At the same time all hope of the USSR Olympic Games team touring Australia for the matches in November has not been entirely abandoned.

Mr Vessey was forced to announce that the proposed three match November series would not be proceeding, following advice from the promoter, Dimitry Zlatin of Soccer Stars, New York.

The tour was to include eight matches, spread over the United States, Thailand, Malaysia and Australia, but the Soviets made considerable in-

creases to their match fees which the promoter would not bear.

Mr Vessey said: "The USSR decision is disappointing, but perhaps it is not final."

"We badly need build up matches for our Olympic Games team, which begins its Oceania qualifiers in May."

"We have faxed the USSR advising that we are prepared to enter into direct negotiations with them."

"This is a problem we could have done without, but it is more of a hiccup than a disaster in our overall plans."

"In September we had a highly successful European tour."

"We will be trialling the newly selected players, David Seal, Paul Okon and Lorenz Kindtner against the St George NSL team on October 31."

"Apart from Western Australian Sean Murphy, every member of the Olympic Games squad is involved in NSL football."

Overtures have been made to the Australian Olympic Federation for assistance towards an away tour in September 1991.

Australia's Oceania Confederation qualifiers will be played at home in May, leaving the squad to be shar-



Frank Farina, chaired by Mike Petersen and Paul Wade, after Australia's 1-0 Olympic win over Yugoslavia in September 1988.

pened up in September for the away leg matches in October and November.

The 1991 home qualifying match schedule is: May 19 v Papua New Guinea, May 22 v New Zealand, May 26 v Fiji.

Away games are: October 19 v Papua New Guinea, November 16 v Fiji and November 23 v New Zealand.

The play-offs for a place in the Olympic

Games finals in Barcelona from July 25/August 7 1992 have a fairyland touch about them.

The Oceania winner's opponent will be Israel if it wins its group of Israel, Greece, Cyprus and Sweden.

If Israel is not successful the deciders will be against the fifth placed European nation.

Mr Vessey was unable to confirm that the highly competitive

Glasgow Rangers would tour Australia next June.

He said: "I have told three European agents that the only arrangements that interest the ASF is when contracts with touring teams are signed, and that is not the case yet."

"One thing is for certain — Liverpool won't be coming."

"We hold written advice from them that they are obligated to tour the United States rather than play here,

as part of the build up for the 1994 World Cup being held in the States."

However, there are still hopes that the Czechoslovakian national team will play two matches here in January.

Negotiations are in the hands of English agent, Keith Darcy.

The Socceroos have had little competitive football since the last

World Cup campaign 18 months ago.

As Australian soccer's flagship they need preparations, especially with the clash against England in June looming closer.

In other news, the Under 17 Joeys are to leave on their Chilean and Argentine tour on November 20 next, returning a fortnight later after playing seven or eight matches.

Socrates at a price

BY WALTER PLESS

SOCRATES, the former Brazilian captain and one of the greatest players ever to have graced world football, is keen to play and coach in Australia.

But, he doesn't come cheap.

Socrates, who will play an exhibition match in Japan on November 17, charges \$5,000 for an exhibition match and \$4,000 for a day of coaching clinics.

He played for Brazilian side Santos last season, the club of the legendary Pele.

Marcos Boccatto, the Brazilian coach who applied for the Socceroo coaching position earlier this

year, told me by telephone from Sao Paulo this week that Socrates would be available for between ten and 15 days were he to be invited to Australia.

Boccatto, who has coached in Mexico, Saudi Arabia and Japan, as well as in his native Brazil, is currently working with Socrates and Amaral in Sao Paulo.

Amaral was one of Brazil's central defenders during the 1978 World Cup series in Argentina.

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PELÉ'S PEOPLE POLICY

BY DAVID SMEDLEY



Pelé's parents greet him after Brazil's 1958 5-2 World Cup victory over Sweden.

NEXT month will see the arrival of Pelé to our shores, however the average soccer fan has considerable doubts of being able to see the legend of Brazil in the flesh.

These doubts are justified, and the man himself has stated that he would like the chance to meet every-day supporters during his stay.

The undisputed king of soccer has expressed concern at the viability of a \$200 per person dinner held in his honour.

The highly priced function at the Sydney Football Stadium will be an event that most Australian soccer enthusiasts will find out of their price range.

The Brazilian superstar, however, has asked his tour organisers to give fans the chance to meet him for free, not leaving the opportunity only to those that can afford it.

Pelé, here to promote 'The Pelé Albums', a pictorial and written history of his career, is also celebrating his 50th birthday.

For Pelé, one of the world's greatest rags to riches stories, the chance to meet his fans, and the chance for them to meet him, should not be hindered by monetary problems.

Hopefully, for the regular supporter, it won't be.

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The Saints are continuing the promotion — with considerable pleasure.

The scheme applies for next Sunday's 7pm clash with Heidelberg.

— KEITH GILMOUR

LORENC'S WORLD CUP VIEW

ORGANISERS of the 1994 World Cup in the United States should consider changes in its format to cut down on the chances of a penalty shoot-out, FIFA badge referee Richard Lorenc believes.

He says the current first phase, which reduces the 24 finalists to 16, should be followed by group play of four groups of four.

"Only the winners of these groups would go forward to a knock-out semi-final," he said.

"This would have the effect of forcing teams in the second phase to go all out for a win — draws would not be good enough to actually win the group."

With the number of knockout matches considerably reduced it should be possible to schedule replays for draws in the semis or final. Only when a game is still drawn after extra time in a replay would penalty kicks be required.



RICHARD LORENC

Lorenc officiated at the World Cup in Italy, running the line for matches between Austria and Czechoslovakia, Austria v US and Holland v Ireland, as well as being fourth official for Ireland v Egypt.

His opinion of the tournament?

"It was brilliantly run. The only disappointing aspect was the football."

— GRAHAM COOKE

Pelé dinner no rip-off

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE much publicised lavish 'Pelé-Dinner' to take place at Sydney Football Stadium on Monday November 12, has attracted some unwarranted criticism to the point that in some areas it has already been labelled as a 'rip-off'.

The function will be the official launch of the 'Pelé Albums' by the Weldon Publishing Company.

The cost of the tickets is \$200 per head, for a black-tie function with the living legend Pelé present.

Each table will be hosted by a leading Australian sports personality, and will be complete with Pelé memorabilia plus many unusual prizes that will be raffled off to raise funds for the Olympic Games.

One such prize is an invitation to spend a whole working day with NSW Premier Nick Greiner.

Former Minister for Tourism and Sport John Brown will be a key speaker on the evening.

The Brazilian Ambassador will officially launch the 'Pelé Albums'.

But the prime objective of the evening has obviously been missed by many people.



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The Australian Olympic Games Federation greatly depends on raising funds from such events as the 'Pelé Dinner'.

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JOHN BROWN

The entire evening's proceeds will go to the Australian Olympic Games Fund to help finance Australia's contingent of athletes to compete in Barcelona as well as in Canada for the Winter Olympics.

Current budget projections disclose that some \$26 million will be needed to prepare, air-

they wine and dine with Pelé in the chance of a life-time, but simultaneously will be helping to finance Australia's Olympic Games athletes.

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MIKE GRBESKI (left) — Europe-bound.

Sydney Croatia full-back Mike Grbveski is poised to be the next Australian player heading overseas. He is expected to join Greek First Division side Apollon next week.

Jason van Blerk is on the verge of signing a contract with Belgian First Division side



JASON VAN BLERK

Sankt Truiden. He has done well in a series of trial matches and if the club decides to sign him this week, Apia Leichhardt is expected to ask for \$50,000 to

release the Socceroo midfielder.

Zlatko Arambasic has almost recovered from the serious injury that has sidelined him for months and is expected to resume training with Mechelen this week.

George Streeter, formerly with clubs such as Marconi, Granville Magpies and Blacktown City, is involved again at Marconi. This time around he manages the outside sports complex which includes the stadium and its three subsidiary grounds, four tennis courts and three squash courts. "I'm happy to be associated with such a progressive club," says George.

Internationals against both Argentina and Chile are included in the match schedule for the Australian under 17 Joeys in November. The squad will be sharpened up for the Oceania Qualifying round of the FIFA U17 World Championship, to be held in Napier, New Zealand from January 13 next. The winner books its pass-

age to the first ever finals, to be contested in Ecuador from August 16. The Oceania series is expected to include Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua, New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

Goalkeeper Tony Pezzano, who turned 30 last week, has had his transfer fee reduced from \$10,000 to \$2,000. Unwanted by Apia, Pezzano is looking for a Sydney club.

With players of the calibre of David Green, Charlie Yankos, Jock Morlando and Mike Hollifield forming a solid defensive screen, the Wollongong Wolves believe they are ready to put their act together. Certainly coach and ex-Socceroo David Ratcliffe feels that the squad is on the right track.

Some earnest discussions have been taking place between NSW State League clubs Manly Warringah and North Shore. The former has its own licensed club, which is now prospering right beside its extensive Cromer Park headquarters. On the other hand North Shore has continued to face resistance from Willoughby and Hornsby councils, neither of which will lift a finger to help the club obtain an enclosed ground. Meanwhile, very meaningful discussions between Manly and Warringah Freshwater, which could lead to a fruitful means of greatly strengthening soccer on the north side, are further down the track. Warringah has a year to go with its because to play its home games on Cromer Park.

It has been remoured that the National Indoor Soccer League could find it preferable to leave holding its next

competition until 1991. The current position of some television channels has not helped the indoor cause. NISL executives have their noses to the grindstone to ensure that the competition will be a huge success next time around.

Sunshine have denied any interest in Brunswick Juventus striker Brian McNicholl, saying their recruitment is over after signing Andy Humble.

Zoran Ilic has returned from his off-season stint with Vojvodina in Yugoslavia. Ilic, a former Young Socceroo and member of the national Olympic squad, may get straight back into Saints' first team, depending on his fitness.

Queensland soccer was well represented at the Australian Sports Commission's instructors' course held in Brisbane. In attendance were Jim Selby, Peter Kelly, Tony Doesnal and John Reid. Steve Darby, who takes over as the ASF Development Officer on November 19, was one of the lecturers. "I was particularly impressed by the high standard of knowledge of the soccer people who attended," he said.

Canberra Croatia skipper George Kulcsar is in Belgium for a fortnight's trials with First Division side, Antwerp. The runner up in the NSW First Division Best and Fairest Gold Medal, he will also visit relatives in Hungary.

The marketing managers of each of Melbourne's five QNSL clubs will meet in conference this week to discuss new ideas of selling the game and their clubs to the public. The conference, in-



Tony Franken has been appointed captain of Sydney Croatia. He has appeared 18 times in the green and gold, but only one of them was in a full A international. A product of Perth, he might have become the Western Australian wicketkeeper had he not gone ahead in soccer rather than cricket. He spent a deal of his goalkeeping career working on his skills in Canberra.

itiated by South Melbourne Hellas marketing manager Barry Horsfall, is expected to come up with some fresh marketing ideas for the game in Melbourne.

As expected, young Brunswick Juventus sensation Fausto De Amicis won his club's best and fairest award for season 1990. De Amicis walked away with the award at the club's presentation night recently and he is expected to receive further bids from NSL clubs after capping off a remarkable year.



JOHN KOSMINA

Ex-Socceroo John Kosmina's racey in-

formed comments and match descriptions on Radio 2SM in Sydney deserve to prove a real winner for the station. It is to be hoped that the news gets around quickly that 'Kossie' is at the microphone.

The ACT Academy of Soccer have had their Awards night, with Les Scheinflug, Raul Blanco, Rod Woods, Steve O'Connor and Steve Darby presenting the prizes. Director Peter Hugg said: "The move towards better education of coaches has provided positive results. We have more big plans for 1991."

NSL clubs are already trying to pick the eyes out of a Brunswick Juventus squad which finished runner-up in three different competitions this season. Damian Mori, the former South Melbourne reject, Scott Patterson and Fausto De Amicis have already received offers and they will not be the last of them.

Argentinian striker Armando Gasparini is the new number one priority signing for Melbourne Croatia after it missed out on gaining the services of Vlado Vanis from the Canadian club



FRED DE JONG

Vancouver 86ers.

Kiwi Fred de Jong continues to shine in Holland, scoring the first goal for Fortuna Stittard in their 2-0 win over Willem II last Saturday week.

Mid-November has been set as the time that the future course of Brunswick Juventus could be mapped out. Much depends on the results of the club's AGM around that time. Should Joe Mirabella retain the presidency, as is unlikely, the chances are that current coach Terry Hennessy and most of the senior squad will be retained ready for another NSL bid in season 1991. Otherwise expect a player exodus at Juventus this summer.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SOCCER SCENE

WITH ALAN CLARK



Foundation League restructuring proposals mooted

FOUNDATION SA League clubs have been given details of the North and South league proposed in a restructuring of SA soccer.

The twin leagues of 12 teams would be in place next season.

Results then and from the past five seasons, finances, administration, junior development and facilities would be taken into consideration in determining the formation of three divisions of eight clubs for a further revamp in season 1992.

A top amateur side would be called in to bring the North and South leagues up to 12 teams each.

Others in the proposed line-up would be:

NORTH — Croatia, Polonia, Campbelltown, CD Apac, Enfield, Elizabeth, Modbury, Port, Para Hills, Salisbury and Lion.

SOUTH — Adelaide City, Adelaide Hellas, Beograd, Blacktown, Cumberland, Azzurri, Noarlunga, Olympians, Omonia, Seaford and Birkalla Eagles.

Top club delegates again will discuss the restructuring proposals.

PELE will be in Adelaide on November 15 to launch the magnificent Pele Albums.

The king of soccer will autograph copies of his book from 3pm at Angus and Robertson's bookshop in Castle Plaza and at John Martins, City.

The 856 pages making up the two volumes trace the life of the superstar from his early days in Brazil to world stardom and four World Cup finals.

SOCCER fans will wish a speedy recovery to CD Apac and Adelaide Scotland physio Paul Wilkinson. He is back in hospital with a recurrence of a serious complaint.

SOON there could be light — and plenty of it — at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The first sections of the massive, steel enforced concrete pylons have arrived at Adelaide's home of soccer.

They should be in place in the next couple of months giving SA one of the best lit soccer grounds in the country.



JESPER SORENSEN

Mercurial Dane Jesper Sorensen is keen to re-establish in SA.

The former Ade-

elaide City and Croatia utility player has been playing in his native Denmark. But he has

approached Croatia about a return to SA for next season. He wants to bring his young family here.

A stroke of good fortune will see impressive teenage talent Steve Gera try his luck in Europe.

Gera, 18, leaves on November 25 for Yugoslavia. He will stay in his father Steve's home town of Novi Sad.

He hopes to try out for Vojvodina whose ground virtually is on his "grandmother's doorstep".

Geras won a return trip for two to Europe in a prize draw to take up the chance.

Steve Snr will accompany the young utility player.

"I will stay there for two months but Steve may stay there longer depending on what happens," said Steve Snr.

"He was pleased with his year at Port Adelaide last season but he wants to try his luck in Europe and this was a good chance.

"We'll see if he can do something there."

Killer instinct. That is

what Adelaide City needs to succeed in this year's cut-throat NSL.

South Melbourne's desire in its 3-1 win against the SA giant made that clear.

"We didn't deserve a point as this was the most convincing performance I have seen against us for quite some time," said coach Zoran Matic.

"They were motivated to kill. It was not just the quality of their play which impressed, it was their guts.

"They tackled everything. They would have tackled the goalposts if needed be.

"We looked scared from their tackles. It was very evident that we never won any of the 50-50 balls. That is the real worry.

"We have lost games before but I have not been worried



because we gave everything. Here we were lacking a few things."

Matic, though, said there was no point in criticising players.

"We have got to pick up the pieces. That starts with me. I have got to get things moving and working. We have plenty of work to do," said Matic.

Azzurri plan to head for Tasmania early next season for a special challenge against

Hobart Juventus.

The Tasmanian side held Azzurri to a 1-1 draw earlier this month at Adey Reserve and the SA boys want to exact revenge on the Apple Isle.

Juventus, which won the equivalent of the Coca Cola Cup, won here by Azzurri, wants to arrange an annual home and away challenge against its sister club here.

Azzurri sees the fixtures as a useful and interesting adjunct to its season.

The Blues start pre-season training on November 18. Officials anticipate most of last year's competitive squad will be retained with "two or three" quality additions likely.

Former State midfielder Paul Higgins, of Birkalla, widely is tipped as an Azzurri target.

Controversial Lemezina aims to rejoin Canberra Croatia

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA Croatia's goal-scoring ace Tony Lemezina is back in the country — and wants to return to the club he left under dramatic circumstances half-way through last season.

The man who suddenly quit Canberra, and Australia, last July, the day after creating a club record by thumping five goals in a NSW State League game against Marconi, made this promise: "If they have me back I will devote my career to scoring the goals that get Canberra into the Quit National League."

Speaking from a secret address — "please don't write where I am, I'll be in touch with both my family and the club very shortly" — two days after landing on a flight from Yugoslavia, the 22-year-old said he had returned because he could not bear to be apart from his girlfriend, Lisa.

"I agreed to go overseas because of family pressures, but I could not live in Yugoslavia," he said.

"The political situation is deteriorating."

Lemezina, whose family has its origins in

the Yugoslavian state of Croatia, spoke of barricades in the streets of some towns he visited, of a vicious riot at a soccer match, and of actually beginning to fear for his life and those of his relations.

"It was good to see some of my relatives who still live there — and especially my grandmother — but in the end I just wanted to get home," he said.

"I am an Australian, this is where I want to be. Now I want to settle down with Lisa, get a job and get myself straight."

"I will be in touch with (Croatia coach) Tom Sermanni and (manager) Mirko Skrnjug. I will try to explain why I did what I did and convince them I should have another chance with the club."

"A lot of people are saying that by leaving when I did I cost the club promotion."

"All I can say is that if they give me another chance I will devote myself to scoring the goals that will get them into the National League."

"I don't intend to live in Canberra, at least for the time being, but I desperately want an arrangement where I could train elsewhere and



TOM SERMANNI

travel to play for Canberra Croatia."

Lemezina denied he had gone overseas to try and break into European professional soccer.

"The way things are in Yugoslavia at the moment soccer is going downhill — the political disturbances are disrupting the game and there is no money around."

"There was some interest in me, first from the coach of a second division side, Zardar who said he would do anything to get my signature, and then from both Dinamo Zagreb and Hajduk Split."

"But always, in my heart, I knew I would come back to Australia — and to Canberra Croatia."

"I know people are going to have difficulty understanding this but I am, and always have been, loyal to the club."

Call for ACT reps

TWO senior ACT League coaches have come out in support of a revival of the territory's representative program.

The calls came from Steve Forshaw (Belconnen United) and Ian Heywood (Tuggeranong United director of coaching).

Forshaw, who led the seniors to a 7-1 win over Services, said he would recommend to ACTSF officials that a representative program be mapped out for two seasons ahead.

"Certainly, we should return to regular fixtures against the Illawarra League at senior and youth level," he said.

ACT youth coach Heywood echoed Forshaw's remarks about becoming more involved in representative coaching.

Heywood said: "Rep soccer is the way to go."

"From the club point of view there is little prospect from ACT coaches unless the Canberra Croatia job becomes available," he said. "And from the playing aspect, I believe that one of the reasons we are losing people is that we do not have an established representative program."

— GRAHAM COOKE

UK TRIAL FOR WALLACE

TUGGERANONG United striker Andrew Wallace has been offered a trial with Manchester United.

The opportunity has arisen through Ian Heywood whose father, Andy, works for the English first-division club.

Striker Wallace, 18, who came to Australia from Scotland when he was 10, had planned to celebrate the completion of his schooling by making a trip to Europe to visit members of his family.

"My original idea was to stay for six months but of course I'll stay longer if Manchester shows any interest," he said.

"As far as I know I will be attached to one of United's schools of excellence for two weeks and at the end, if they are still interested, they will tell me."

"Being born in Scotland means I do not have the overseas player hassles other Australians have and there are relatives I can stay with in Manchester."

Wallace, who turned down a trial with NSW League Canberra Croatia at the beginning of the year to concentrate on school, said he would like to try out for a higher level of Australian soccer.

Cooperation between the ACT Soccer Federation and the Australian Institute of Sport has resulted in a successful skills clinic which has been running at the AIS over the last few weeks.

Federation coaching director Peter Hugg said all junior league clubs had been asked to nominate three players from under-11 to under-13 levels.

"We have been holding five sessions on Monday nights, including one especially that counts towards the level-two coaching badge."

Each of the nearly 100 participants received a pamphlet, a jersey and a ball at the beginning of the course.

He said it is recognised participants come from age groups which are often short of top quality coaches.

Besides the Institute players, course staff are Steve Darby (ASF staff coach), Alan Reis and Anthony Giannasca (Canberra Croatia), Mike Milovanovic (Belconnen United), Chris Tanzey (Canberra City Concordia), and Hugg.

The course has received government funding for one year and an evaluation will be done to see if it is worth seeking money to continue the exercise.

Inter Monaro looks down the barrel

BY GRAHAM COOKE

INTER Monaro officials are considering quitting the NSW Soccer League.

And while there is no official comment from the club, it appears that a withdrawal from the competition it has played in for 11 of the past 13 seasons is a strong possibility.

At this stage there are three options available to Monaro hit by mounting debts and falling attendances at its Marco Polo Ground.

- It can somehow battle on in the mainly Sydney-based competition, continuing to incur the running costs which have been demonstrably beyond its resources in 1990.

- It can apply to join the ACT League where expenses will be considerably reduced.

- Or it can fold.

Indications are that a section of the Monaro membership is reluctant to make the break with NSW, pointing out that this would be a withdrawal from everything the club has worked for over the past two decades.

Others cite economic realities. The club's attendances last season were below that boasted by some playing in the ACT competition.

If the interest is not there, why bother to carry on, is their argument.

On thing is certain — time is running out for the Queanbeyan-based club which finished second from the bottom of the NSW first division in the recently-completed season.

Patience is wearing thin among league board members in Sydney and some have made it clear they regard Monaro, in its present state, to be a liability to the competition.

The ACT deadline for new applications is October 31, leaving Monaro little time to chart a new course.

And while the ACTSF has had no communication with the

club, an official said that any application would be dependent on Monaro clearing its debts "with all other competitions it has been associated with".

A further complication is the status of its players, who were not paid for the last half of the season.

If settlement is not forthcoming they cease to be an asset of the club and are free to seek their fortunes elsewhere.

Captain Baz Giampaolo, who finished fourth in the league's best and fairest voting for the 1990 season, said he had had no word from the club.

"For the moment I am content to just play a little indoor soccer, but when December comes around I am sure I'll be getting the itch again," he said.

"Quite frankly, I don't think I'm ready for the ACT League just yet."

Giampaolo is one player whose quality permits him to write his own ticket.

Others are not so fortunate, with the choices of either moving to Sydney in the hope of a trial, joining the local competition, or giving up the game.

And there is also the question of Monaro's junior club which successfully runs a number of teams in ACT age-group competitions, and has plans to expand its coverage into surrounding country areas.

Last season's senior coach, Harry Williams, echoed many people's sentiments when he called on the club to make a speedy decision.

"The players need to know what their future is."

"Monaro has to show some kind of responsibility and make a decision before the end of this month at the latest," he said.

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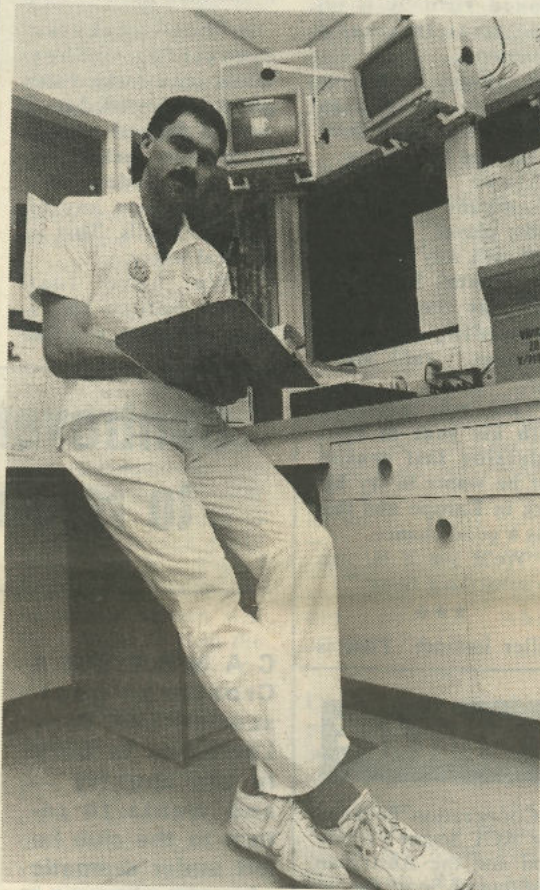
Barrell takes Tuting Medal

BY WALTER PLESS

CHRIS Barrell, captain of Tasmanian Cadbury State League side, Croatia-Glenorchy, is the 1990 winner of the Vic Tuting Silver Medal.

The medal, named after Mr Vic Tuting MBE, a former vice president of the Australian Soccer Federation and current honorary president of the Oceania Confederation, is in its second year.

Mr Tuting presented the medal to Barrell at the presentation dinner at Hobart's West Point Hotel Casino on Saturday, 13 October.



Chris Barrell, winner of Vic Tuting Medal in Tasmania, at work as a male nurse at the Royal Hobart Hospital. (Photo by James Kerr "The Mercury").

The 25-year-old midfielder polled 25 votes, two ahead of Launceston Juventus striker, Roger Mies, who was the State League's leading scorer with 22 goals.

Third place went to Hobart Juventus striker-cum-midfielder, Sergio Pace, who obtained 21 votes.

Barrell came to Tasmania from England 13 years ago and played as a junior for Hobart Juventus and Rapid.

He first played senior soccer for Caledonian before joining Olympia for three years.

Two years ago, his transfer to White Eagle was thwarted by a transfer fee wrangle, so he signed for Croatia-Glenorchy.

Croatia struggled against relegation all this year and finished the season in second-last position, much to the relief of Barrell

and his team-mates.

Barrell, a male nurse, leaves for England in December, where he hopes to find employment as a nanny in London.

White Eagle coach, Eugene Mycak, won the Coach of the Year Award after taking his side to its second consecutive title, together with a number of cup wins.

Mycak played and coached professionally in Poland and the United States before coming to Tasmania in 1980.

He is keen to try his luck interstate and may be contacted on (002) 28 6491.

Tassie Keeper at Notts County



Hobart Juventus coach, Eamonn Kelly (left) and goalkeeper Brett Williams, who is trialling with Notts County (Photo by Fred Kohl, "The Mercury").

TASMANIAN goalkeeper, Brett Williams, custodian at Cadbury State league club, Hobart Juventus, has gone to England for a trial with second division, Notts County.

Eighteen-year-old Williams, accompanied by Juventus' senior coach, Eamonn Kelly, who has contacts in the UK, is reported to be doing well.

He came through his week's trial with Notts County satisfactorily and the club has asked him to stay for another week.

That seems to indicate he must have impressed someone.

Williams completed a successful first season at senior level with Juventus this year, the side finishing second in the Cadbury State League competition and winning the Cadbury Jubilee Trophy.

Williams left for England before the final, however, and was replaced in goal by another promising youngster, Frank Mainella, who saved a penalty in both the semi-final and final.

Williams made the senior side this year at the expense of the experienced Scot, Neil Connell.

Apart from his ability in goal, Williams is also a very promising cricketer.

— WALTER PLESS

Boyce moves in at Manly

FROM DAVID MASON

FORMER Artarmon coach Alan Boyce has been given the job of taking Manly Warringah back to the top of the NSW State League soccer.

Boyce was named head coach of the Seaside at a board meeting last Tuesday.

After coaching U19s to the semifinals last year, Boyce was the obvious successor to Hughie Hendry as the club's first grade coach.

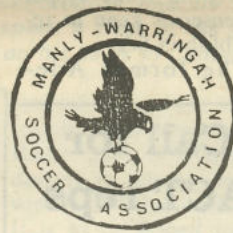
Nine applications were forwarded to Manly for the vacant job but Boyce's involvement with the club and his desire to follow a youth program gave him the nod.

Boyce replaces Hendry, who coached the Seaside for the past three years while they battled for survival after relegation to Division Two in 1987.

With Boyce in charge at Cromer Park next year the big winners seem sure to be the juniors.

After sensational results over the past three years by the junior team, the time has come for the club to build for the future.

"Despite taking over as coach I will not be going all out to sign a team of all-stars," Boyce said.



years ago and I liked what I saw," Boyce said.

"I have full confidence in him and he should fit in very well down here at Manly."

Pearce is not unlike Boyce in that he is a firm believer in the fitness side of soccer, so the Seaside should be primed for action come the start of the season.

Manly Warringah president Keith Pester was satisfied with the choice and believe Boyce is the man to lead Manly to premier-ship glory in the near future, if not next year.

"When Alan (Boyce) took over as coach for a week last year I was very impressed with what he offered our players," Pester said.

"What we are looking for next year is 100 percent commitment from all players and we believe Alan can get that out of the players we have."

"Last year Alan played a supporting role to Hughie so it will be interesting to see what he comes up with this year as head coach."

"His training methods seem very thorough and that is what we need at Manly at the moment."

"He has the full backing of the board and we are all hoping for a successful season next year for both grades."

HUNTER'S APPEAL

Alan Hunter, the burly ex-Socceroo defender, is still waiting for his appeal against the \$45,000 transfer fee imposed on him by Sydney Croatia to be heard. The figure as it stands appears right out of whack with what the Australian market can bear. For example last season's topscorer went from Sydney Croatia to Marconi for a notional \$36,000. Hunter, who is operating as a fulltime professional, has been training with Parramatta Melita. The club operates on a well conceived but very tight budget. It will be interesting indeed to see how far they will go in paying a transfer fee of some magnitude, even for a player of Hunter's high qualities.

Pointers past and future

FROM LONG-TIME VICTORIAN
OFFICIAL ANDY KUN*

OVER the years I have advocated the use of democratic proceedings in soccer, and that controlling bodies refrain from spending money as if it was water.

Additionally, I have asked that the brave but struggling clubs be given a helping hand, rather than being pushed under the water.

And, more importantly, that the Bradley Report be studied in depth and its lessons applied to the game.

However, the time arrives when one deems it best to decide that one will put pen to paper no more on the subject of our great game.

So here goes with some credits, criticisms and pointers to the future for the last time.

At the outset I must say that I have been following the teaching of the great Socrates for nearly 70 years.

His philosophy embraced love of his fellow Greek citizens and his country.

He stood without fear for justice and against corruption.

I would like to see all present administrators follow this path.

Looking back down the years, some of the main points I would like to mention are:

- Formation of the Federation of Clubs.
- Theo Marmaras successfully fighting for Australia's admission to FIFA.

- My co-operation with Keith Gilmour to arrange the first postwar Victoria-NSW junior game.

- The work of Karel Rodny, John van Hoboken and Dr Walker in building high class clubs.

- People like Alex Pongrass and Sir Arthur George who helped to establish the NSL.

- The help of Mooroolbark, Tony Kovac and Sam Papasavas to form the NSL.

- How the NSL became the lifeline of the game and support for the Socceroos.

- Coach Rale Rasic taking the Socceroos to the 1974 World Cup in West Germany.

- Australia hosting the 1981 World Youth Cup.

- Frank Arok just missing out on two World Cup finals series by a whisker, and being assisted by Eddie Thomson, Tim White and Tony Boggi.

- International matches, many of which were arranged by Michael Weinstein.

- Socceroo success at the Seoul Olympics.

- SBS-TV's invaluable support and its Italia '90 World Cup cover.

- The soccer media's great improvement.

- Melbourne City Council's support, by giving homes to 350 clubs.

- The hard work of the lower clubs and juniors.

- Non-soccer fans naming Les Murray as Aus-



RALE RASIC — coached Australia to its only World Cup finals appearance.

tralia's greatest sports commentator.

- World's No 1 English-speaking soccer commentator Martin Tyler and his co-operation with Johnny Warren at the World Cup.

And now, what about the future?

In John Constantine we have a strong and democratic leader of the ASF.

It is my fervent hope that he will carry on, ensuring that every state is on the right track.

Further, that he will

bring talented, decent young ex-players onto the scene as officials, and that they will make our great game even greater.

Mr Kun is a life member and patron of the Victorian Soccer Federation. He was secretary of Melbourne when they won the Victorian championship and the 1967 Australia Cup. Ever since the age of 14 he has been a member of the Kosice club of Czechoslovakia.

National Youth League Southern Div

BY ROY HAY

ADELAIDE City continued to lead the National Youth League (Southern Division) at October 21 by virtue of a 2-1 victory over South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park.

Michael Michalakopoulos put Hellas ahead in twenty-six minutes, but Adelaide had the better of the second half and Joe Barbaro scored twice.

The second came only a minute from time.

Sunshine George Cross inflicted a 4-1 defeat on last season's premiers Melbourne Croatia at Skinner Reserve.

Jamie Melrose got Georgie's first goal and Wayne Attard and Mitchell Cattermole took it to a 3-0 lead in the first half.

Croatia had John Kovacevic sent off for an incident behind play, and Melrose added his second goal, before Stanko Marusic got a late consolation goal for Croatia.

Preston Makedonia dropped its first point in a 0-0 draw with Heidelberg United at Connor Reserve. It was an even game with goal-mouth chances at a premium.

Altona Gate picked up the pace with a 3-1 win over Geelong City at Bell Park.

Robert Trajkovski fired a free kick over the wall and keeper Adam Oates after 16 minutes, but City was in the game until conceding two goals in 12 minutes in the second half.

Robert Georgievski and Henry Velkovski scored and Craig Plummer pulled one back for City.

Brighton scored its first goal of the season and took its first points with a 1-0 win over South Melbourne Hellas Colts at Dendy Park.

Arthur Kourtis scored the all-important goal a minute into the second half, but it was his brother Jim in goal who was the hero as he saved his side on numerous occasions.

ROUND Four of the National Youth League North produced a double for the St George club.

The boys from the Sydney Academy, the St George Colts side, defeated Wollongong Macedonia's plucky young team 3-0 at Brandon Park with all the goals coming in the final half hour.

The class of Frank Arok's lads proved too much for the local side who defended grimly throughout.

Free-scoring St George striker Tony Valeski finally made the breakthrough with a well-struck shot in the 62nd minute and also helped himself to the third goal with one minute remaining.

The second goal for the Colts was a gem and the scorer in the 82nd minute was the tiny figure of Berrios.

Meanwhile, the St George U-19 side, which had competed in the NSW State League competition, continued the successful run which has seen them undefeated to date, by beating Sydney Olympic 2-0.

Olympic tried hard, particularly in the second half when they came face to face with brilliant St George keeper Andrew Prentice, who was in sparkling form, but the damage had already been done.

Shaun Freestone put the Saints into a 27th minute lead when he received a cross from the right, turned a defender smartly and found the top right corner of the net from 22 metres. In the 67th minute a cross from the right was headed in at the near post by Daryl Zeiderman.

Freestone, Prentice

and Zeiderman all had strong games for St George, while Paul Panson defended well for Olympic.

A ding-dong affair at Marconi Stadium resulted in a 3-2 win for Marconi over Adamstown Rosebuds.

Marconi scored first through Andrew Charlwood in the 24th minute and they went further ahead in the 53rd through Glen Johnson.

Adamstown hit back when Con Safouris converted a 59th minute penalty and the visiting Newcastle side put the pressure back on Marconi by drawing level in the 68th minute.

The goal, however, was provided by Marconi defender Jeff Souzor, putting into his own net.

Andrew Charlwood had the last word when he restored Marconi's winning lead in the 79th minute.

The other Newcastle side in the NSL Youth League competition, Highfields Azzurri, continued their highly successful start to the season with a sound 2-1 win at the expense of Sydney Croatia.

The game, played at Whitebridge Soccer Oval, drew a healthy crowd, thanks to an excellent promotional effort in the local media.

Although the locals had fewer chances and it must be admitted did not display the same flair as the Sydney side, an all-round team effort provided a partisan

crowd with the result they had been hoping for.

Excellent finishing by the Highfield strikers, followed in the second half by stout defending, was the recipe for success.

In the 15th minute a set play wide on the left led to a cross to the feet of Paul Searant, who found the bottom right corner of the Croatia net from six metres.

Fifteen minutes later, an excellent build-up out of defence from the

right flank culminated in a low ball through for Craig Penfold who out-paced the last defender and found the net with a confidence-boosting left foot shot.

Croatia pulled their goal back in the 35th minute when Tony Josivski scored with a low shot from wide at the six-metre mark.

Highfields defended with great application for the remainder of the game, few further chances coming their way and were worthy winners on the day.

effectiveness and he eventually could not regain full fitness.

Steve Berry and Scott Ashton were ones to make an impact and the team had a solid look about it, but the defence was guilty of giving away early goals all too often and the team could not recover.

North Shore United, newly promoted and without any additional playing strength, had a lean time of it.

Plans to move onto a new ground fell through before the season started and the Nomads enjoyed a few high points.

A couple over Inter Monaro saved them the embarrassment of finishing at the bottom and a 2-1 win over Sydney Croatia kept them four places away from the wooden spoon.

Sydney Olympic and Marconi used the competition to blood young prospects and did little to excite State League supporters.

Inter Monaro had a poor season and the added disappointment of losing the points from a 7-2 win over St George over a technical breach of the rules.

Their future is clouded in doubt and it would be a pity if the good work of Harry Williams during the season was in vain.

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rickville remain an enigma.

A very sound start, including a sensational win over Blacktown, led to false expectations and draws became the regular fare for Berries supporters.

Nick Ostambasidis impressed on the flank and Louis Dounis showed sparkle at times, but consistency deserted the side as the season progressed.

Sydney Croatia had a very unsettled season, with a tour of Yugoslavia and calls on players for Youth internationals making it impossible to field a steady side.

They figured in a few good games, but although showing a willingness to fight for points, lacked a killer instinct when the chances cropped up in the penalty area.

Avala, under Cliff Pointer began like a house on fire, slumped in midseason and picked up when it was all too late.

The Yugoslav import Miladin Kuc was on song throughout the early rounds and rattled in seven quick goals, but a succession of injuries nullified his

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Aust. Institute	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Highfields	3	2	0	1	6	4	4
Melita Eagles	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Wollongong C	3	1	1	1	2	4	3
Sydney Croatia	2	1	0	1	2	1	2
APIA Leichhardt	3	1	0	2	3	4	2
Marconi	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Wollongong Mac	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
St George Colts	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Adamstown	3	0	0	3	5	11	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Brighton 1 (Arthur Kourtis) South Melbourne Hellas Colts 0, South Melbourne Hellas 1 (Michalakopoulos) Adelaide City 2 (Barbaro 2), Melbourne Croatia Colts 1 (Suric) Caulfield City 3 (Alikakos 2, Tsakkas), Sunshine George Cross 4 (Melrose 2, Attard, Cattermole) Melbourne Croatia 1 (Marusic), North City v Springvale City (match not played, pitch waterlogged), Preston Makedonia 0 Heidelberg United 0, Geelong City 1 (Plummer) Altona Gate 3 (Trajkovski, Georgievski, Velkovski).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Adelaide City	3	3	0	0	9	2	6
Sunshine GC	3	3	0	0	7	2	6
Preston Mak	3	2	1	0	7	1	5
Caulfield	3	1	2	0	5	3	4
SMH	3	1	1	1	5	3	3
Altona Gate	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Heidelberg	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
Melbourne Croatia	3	1	0	2	4	7	2
Brighton	3	1	0	2	1	4	2
SMH Colts	3	1	0	2	3	7	2
Geelong City	3	1	0	2	3	8	2
Springvale	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Melb. Cr Colts	3	0	1	2	2	1	1
Northcote City	2	0	0	2	4	0	0

Reminder

Would all clubs ensure that they phone results, scorers and the coach's votes for the NYL (South) player of the year to Roy Hay on 052-435966 before 6pm on Sunday's so that the information can be supplied to the press, radio and TV as soon as possible.

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Dunn switches cities

BY
GRAHAM COOKE



JASON DUNN

BIG Canberra Croatia central defender Jason Dunn has moved to Wollongong Macedonia.

The transfer, believed to be for around \$7000, was completed in a hectic weekend of last-minute negotiations.

But everything ended happily for the powerful stopper who, in typical fashion, moved up from defence to be involved in Macedonia's point-saving goal in a 1-1 draw with champion Sydney Olympic in Round 3.

Dunn, who is now living and working in Sydney, said it was his ambition to play in the QNSL, so he was happy with the move.

"I can understand why Macedonia wanted

me as their side lacks a bit of height, but I am disappointed for Canberra.

From what I have seen of the standard in the QNSL the team could have survived there with probably no more than two or three additional players."

There is very chance that he could be back in Croatia's colours in the NSW State League next winter after Wollongong Macedonia has completed its program.

"I told my new club I would still like to play for Canberra in the winter and they don't see any problems with it," he said.

"Initially it would probably be on loan and after that, if the club gains promotion, it might be possible to buy me back."

Andrew Bernal to wow the fans

BY MIKE JOHNSON

SAW the best player in the country last weekend at St George Stadium in Sydney.

The game was Sydney Olympic versus Wollongong Macedonia and the player was Andrew Bernal.

Despite playing in an unsure Olympic defence, Bernal was in a class of his own.

He first came to my notice last mid-season when he was playing in the centre of Olympic's midfield, the role normally occupied by Gary Phillips.

Andrew brought to the role a belligerence not associated with the hard-tackling Phillips.

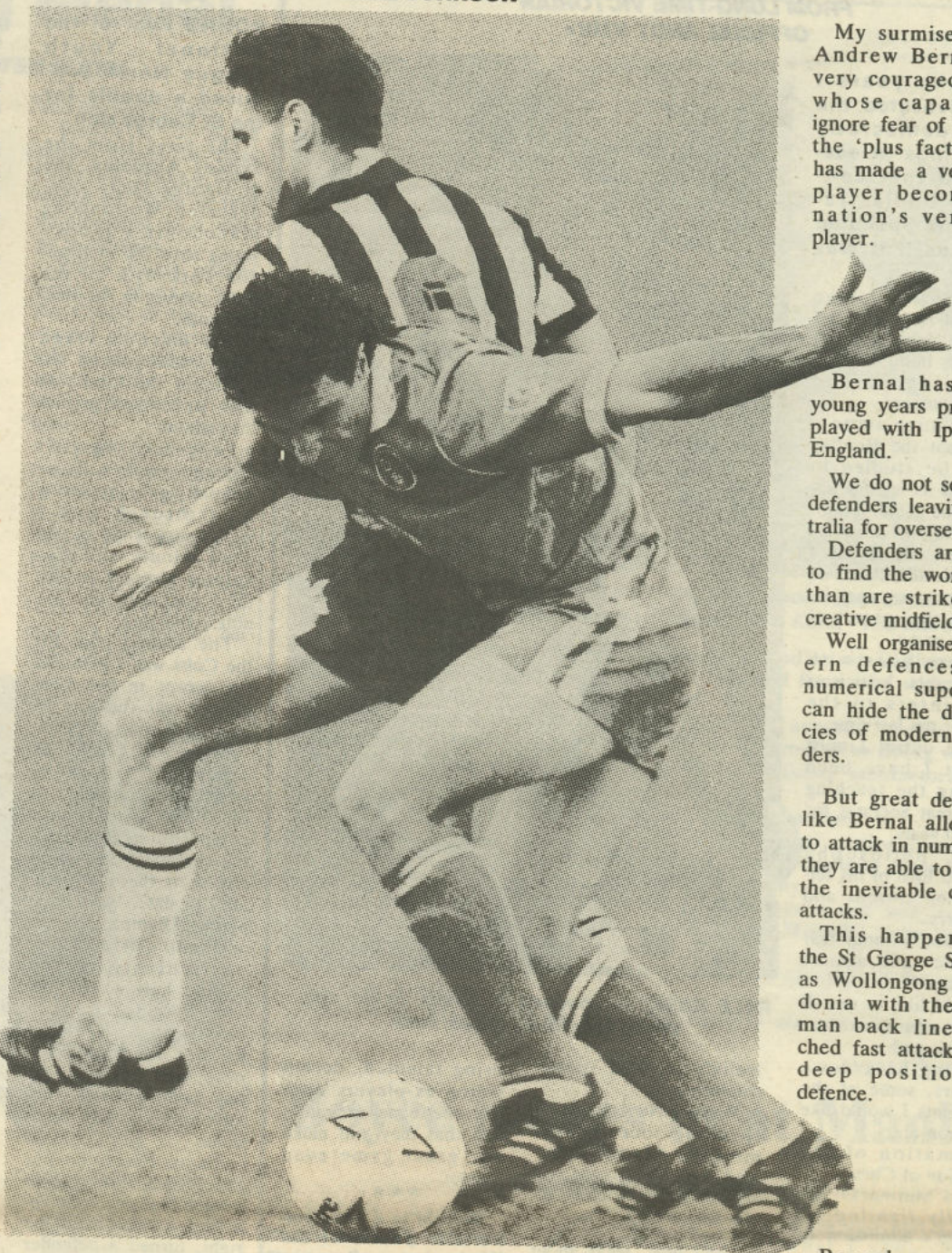
Andrew was rough to say the least. On the other hand he was prepared to take punishment as well as dish it out.

He was a very useful midfielder, a key member of an abrasive, dashing Olympic taking all before it during the later stages of the season and one marked him as a player to watch.

Then Phillips returned and Bernal was moved to the back four.

He was an instant success, was later selected in the national team and played brilliantly in the new look national team which won its early games in Asia under Eddie Thompson.

Now, after watching Andrew as a double stopper in Olympic's rather shaky zonal defence at the weekend, one would anticipate he would be the first player penned in any



ANDREW BERNAL: in top form.

national team sheet written out by national coach Eddie Thomson. Bernal is tough.

Years ago I coached

the 'iron man of Australian soccer', St George and Australian stopper Manfred Schaefer.

'Manny' was hard, but he seldom was prepared to expose himself to knocks and injury the way the relatively slight Bernal does.

The blonde Germanic Manfred was built like a tank, short, solid and hard and really could hit you, but he was always careful not to allow others to slam him.

Which was probably why he lasted for so long.

Andrew Bernal is somewhat taller, darker, even handsome, a very good mover, very agile, excellent jumper and header, good control, good general footballer — and totally fearless.

I wonder if he has ever been severely injured.

One feels inclined to tell him that he needs to have fear.

Fear is nature's way of protecting us against injury.

Fear tells us to "watch out". The emotion activates our senses; our eyes widen, ears are alerted, the hair on our body stands on end.

Without fear there is no courage.

Courage is the ability to ignore fear and do what you have to do despite possible adverse consequences.

My surmise is that Andrew Bernal is a very courageous man whose capacity to ignore fear of injury is the 'plus factor' that has made a very good player become this nation's very best player.

Bernal has in his young years previously played with Ipswich in England.

We do not see many defenders leaving Australia for overseas.

Defenders are easier to find the world over than are strikers and creative midfielders.

Well organised modern defences with numerical superiority can hide the deficiencies of modern defenders.

But great defenders like Bernal allow you to attack in numbers as they are able to handle the inevitable counter attacks.

This happened at the St George Stadium as Wollongong Macedonia with their five man back line launched fast attacks from deep positions in defence.

Bernal was particularly smart in one situation as he got caught with two attackers close in on goal.

The smartness of his brain and the agility of his body allowed him to incisively and unobtrusively snuff out what was a very dangerous situation for his team.

It is a wonderful feeling for me in sport to see greatness in action, particularly in soccer, one's chosen sport.

The other weekend at Marconi Stadium the thumping free kick from Melita's Washington Gonzales from some 35 metres which rocketed like a shell high into big Bobby Catlin's net was a superb moment.

In the Olympic-Wollongong Macedonia game, two scintillating diving saves by goalkeeper Peter Wilson to deprive Robbie Ironside reward for two outstanding headers were moments of sheer class.

At St George Stadium, just married Andrew Bernal, hopefully in time to become a father, certainly to captain Australia if he sticks at it, gave numerous glimpses of the greatness he will bring to our game and our national team for years to come.



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SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP

It's a Chile v Uruguay Grand Final Saturday

BY MARIO ETCHART

TRADITIONAL South American rivals Chile and Uruguay will meet for the first time in the final of the seventh Sydney Ethnic Soccer World Cup after their respective victories over Peru and Colombia last Saturday.

One semi-final needed a penalty shoot-out and the other 30 minutes of extra-time to determine the finalists.

First-rate

In the first semi-final of the All-Age championship, Uruguay and Colombia put on one of the best matches ever played in the seven-year history of the competition.

This match had it all — non-stop action, drama, great goals, quality football and a sudden-death penalty shoot-out as an incredible finish.

The match ended in a 4-4 draw after extra-time.

The first 20 minutes were concentrated in midfield, with Uruguay having the better of play.

But in one of the few Colombian counter-attacks, John McKie, over the left flank, crossed the ball to the Uruguayan box, goalkeeper Lobos couldn't reach it, and Porter, with a header put Colombia 1-0 in front.

The Uruguayan pressure paid dividends in the 37th minute when striker Arbelo took advantage of a rebound and from the edge of the box, netted the equaliser with a well-placed shot.

The last 45 minutes saw both squads determined to earn a place in next weekend's grand final.

Seven minutes into the second half, Uruguayan striker Perdomo

crossed from the right and Mellisourgos headed the second goal for the Uruguayans.

Six minutes later, McKie crossed the ball into the Uruguayan box and midfielder Massei, with a brilliant header, levelled the score for Colombia.

A controversial refereeing decision in the 73rd minute denied Uruguay a goal that in the first instance the referee conceded, but then he reversed his judgement without consulting the linesman.

That goal could have changed the outcome of the game.

But in the 80th minute, defender Ciaramella sent another cross from the left and striker Kadric, with another header, put Uruguay 3-2 in front.

Right at the end of normal time, Thompson, after an excellent run on the left flank, found McKie inside the box and the latter scored the dramatic equaliser for Colombia.

The game then went into a very dramatic extra-time, and just one minute from the restart, Uruguayan defender Piriz, scored into his own net.

Uruguay, with 10 men after replacement Jorge Fernandez was sent off, showed great fighting spirit, and inspired by the brilliant work of Leo Arcosa in midfield, levelled the score in the 116th minute.

Mellisourgos crossed into the Colombian box, and Nario, after hesitation from players of both sides, took advantage of the loose ball, and with a powerful shot, notched up the final equaliser.

An unforgettable penalty shoot-out that



JOHN KOSMINA — sent off while playing for the Australian under 35s last Saturday.

saw the lead change several times, finished with a 5-4 Uruguayan victory and an 9-8 overall win.

Ciaramella, Nario, Arcosa, Fernandez and Piriz scored for Uruguay while Arbelo, Mellisourgos and Kadric missed.

For Colombia, Porter, McKie, Arkerley and Massei converted, with Castaneda, Scott, Watherspoon and Thompson missing from the spot.

URUGUAY: Lobos (6), Nario (6), Ciaramella (7), J. Fernandez (6), Piriz (6), Arcosa (8), Perdomo (6) (87th Sentas), Folladosa (6) (G. Fernandez 66th) (sent off), Arbelo (5), Mellisourgos (6), Kadric (5).

COLOMBIA: Rodic (6), Watherspoon (6), Thompson (7), Scott (6), Ashton (5), Massei (6), Vanegas (4), Arkerley (5), Porter (5), Fitzharris (4) (75th Castaneda) (5), McKie (7).

MAN OF THE MATCH: L. Arcosa (Uruguay).

Chile 2-1

In a match that promised so much but delivered little, Chile defeated Peru after extra-time.

Only the first 25 minutes were of some

quality, but from then on the standard deteriorated.

With so many talented and skilful players on show, it was a shame that the remaining 65 minutes were so dull.

To make things worse, the performance of the referee left a lot to be desired and Peru were on the receiving end.

The referee produced seven yellow and two red cards for the Peruvians, some of them wrongly adjudicated, especially the red one to midfielder Clavijo.

Chile were worthy winners, however, but their victory was overshadowed by a referee who was too severe with the Peruvians and too lenient with the defending champions.

The Chileans have in their squad some of the best players in the competition but the team lacked cohesion and up front the strikers missed too many chances.

Andy Ferris had a

nightmare in front of the Peruvian goal, missing chance after chance throughout the whole 90 minutes, some of them easier to score than to miss.

Most of the Chilean play was based on individual efforts, especially from Johnson, Cortiz, Donoso, Monsalve and Villazon, with little support from the rest.

Peru, meanwhile, started very well, creating a few chances through strikers Varela and Pachas.

In the 13th minute, Pachas was brought down by Chilean goalkeeper Marco inside the box, and Varela scored from the penalty spot to put Peru one up.

In the 38th, Peruvian midfielder Gomez brought down Chilean defender Villazon outside the box but the referee awarded a controversial penalty that defender Willis transformed into the qualifier.

In the last 45 minutes, Chile clearly dominated but found it difficult to score against a Peruvian side that played with 10 men from the 57th minute and later with nine, when the referee also sent off Clavijo and Dogicevic.

In another mistake, the referee overlooked a clear penalty inside the Chilean box, when defender Willis stopped the ball with his hand, and immediately awarded a free kick for Chile because Varela also handed the ball.

In extra-time Ferris finally found the net with a header, in the 101st minute, to win the match for the Chileans.

CHILE: Marco (6), Villazon (6), Johnson (6), Kulwicki (5), Willis (5), Saya (6), Ulloa (4) (81st Castro) (6), Donoso (7), Ferris (4), Ortiz (6), Monsalve (6) (70th Pereira) (6).

PERU: Anabalon (7), Dogicevic (sent off), Vazquez (6), Diyorio (6), Castro (5) (45th Barrera) (4), Villar (6), Varela (6), Gomez (6), Pachas (5) (54th Pacheco 4), Clavijo (sent off), Uribe (5).

MAN OF THE MATCH: C. Donoso (Chile).



OVER 35S SCOREBOARD

IN the Over 35s, Uruguay and Greece will meet in the grand final.

The Uruguayans caused the biggest upset of the tournament, beating a star-studded Australian side 3-2 in the last minute while the Greeks defeated Ireland 6-4 after a penalty shoot-out.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw after extra-time.

URUGUAY: Mallo, Costa, Ximeno, Guarroz, Martinez, Martell, Suarez, Mosquera, Liambi, Rodriguez (30th Pedreira), Cabral.

AUSTRALIA: Corry, Suggett (30th Russell), Griffiths, Harris, Mullen, Byles (30th

Hardy), Butler, Gibson (45th Watson), Ainslie, Cotton, Kosmina (sent off 42nd).

SCORERS: 71st and 8th Cotton (A); 17th Mosquera (U), 20th Cabral (U), 59th Cabral (U).

GREECE 1 (5) IRELAND 1 (3)
GREECE: Georgoulis, Louverdis, Gouskos, Vlahos, Ziras, Loustos, Nezerlis, Balafas, Kostakis, Kehaghlis, Tsigolis.

IRELAND: Laing, McClaughland, Cross, O'Toole, McGovern, Rowden, Noble, Sturgess, Doyle, Eaton, Jamieson (30th McKinn).

SCORERS: 72nd Eaton (I); 74th Tsigolis (G).

PENALTY SHOOT-OUT: Ziras, Kostakis, Nezerlis, Vlahos and Noble converted for Greece; Eaton, McClaughland and Doyle netted for Ireland.

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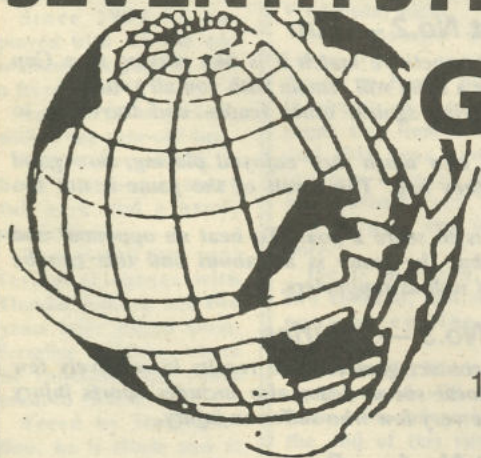
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5.30PM **CLOSING CEREMONY**
6.00PM **GRAND FINAL:** CHILE vs URUGUAY



Terrigal United 3rd grade (Central Coast Pepsi League)



With an age range of 28 years, Terrigal thirds had a good season. After scoring more goals than any team in any grade in their league, they unfortunately succumbed to a vastly improved Southern Ettalong in a fiercely contested semi-final in extra-time — a game that would have made a better final. Back row l to r: Craig Marley, Craig Stephens, Steve Jones, Steve Green, Robert Smith, Ross Thickett, Damien Mulholland, Stewart Roger. Front: Norman Peacock, Michael Struan, Colin Warburton, David Yeo, Mark Chase, Nick Wolski.

Stalwarts nominated for special awards

BY KEITH GILMOUR

ERNIE Philip, the man who started junior soccer in the NSW country township of Tenterfield, has been nominated by his association for the NSW Amateur Federation's Special Award.

Recently brought into being, Special Awards give a long overdue honour to the game's workers, many of whom have commenced town, city or regional operations or done wonders for the code in their areas in a variety of ways.

Mr Philip is now 68 years of age, and still continues to coach, referee and report on matches in and around the often wind-swept town in the top north of NSW.

This year Mr Philip is the association president.

From Southern Tablelands comes the nomination of Ron Baxter.

He has given sterling service to Marulan, Goulburn Police Boys Club, the association, its representative teams and referees.

Lloyd Whalen, a nominee from the Macleay Valley Soccer Association, was one of its originators back in 1965.

He was also instrumental in forming no less than three other vital cogs in northern soccer, the associations at Port Macquarie, Wauchope and Coffs Harbour.

Mr Whalen has been a very active Macleay Valley president for 23

of its 25 years. He is also a director of the NNSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

From the Ballina Soccer Club, on the NSW Far North Coast, comes the nomination of Eric Wilson for the Special Award.

He has been a stalwart in both Ballina and Lismore, and with his wife Louisa has managed the Northern Branch side.

The boys in the squad are spread all the way from Mullumbimby to Kempsey.

John Dunworth, involved for more than 20 years in the soccer scene in Orange in Western NSW, has been nominated by Orange and District Soccer Association.

He is currently senior vice president of the association and secretary of the Orange Waratah senior club.

There is virtually no end to the tasks he has undertaken over the years.

They included work for De La Salle Soccer

Club, the Western NSW Federation, Orange Waratah juniors, NSW Country, the Mid-State Soccer League and NSW Amateurs as well as his own Orange district.

From Cessnock comes a welcome nomination for Max Norden, who was a foundation member of Abermain Junior SFC, where he has been president for 20 years.

In addition his service as Hunter District treasurer spans 23 years "not out", and he has coached or managed Hunter and Northern NSW junior representative squads for 17 years.

He has been a long serving Northern NSW Amateur delegate, and the sport has been much the richer for his enthusiasm.

People of this calibre have done wonders in bringing the great sport of Association football into every nook and cranny of New South Wales.



Illawarra U13 with coach Alan Maidman.

ACT SCHOOLS

Giralang Primary School has belatedly wrapped up one of the most successful soccer seasons in its history by winning the ACT Primary School Sports Association boys competition.

The tournament intruded into the current term because of postponements due to bad weather, but the disruption did not affect the Northern Suburbs boys, who stormed to victory.

Earlier this year the school won its Gungahlin district with four wins and a draw in five games.

The finals were played against the traditionally strong Hughes team (won 1-0) and St Anthony's (6-1).

The squad, undoubtedly containing some names to watch out for in youth and senior soccer over the next decade is: Peter Buljan, Simon Foxhill, Nathan Chung, ark Djikic, Matthew Gafa, Matthew Ward, Blake McArthur, Toby Cox, Anthony Ward, John Stonham, Tim Bailey, Wade Bostock, Jamie McNeilly, Peter Chapman, and David Pigeam.

— G. COOKE

Big Brother lends a hand

BY DAVID SMEDLEY

IN past years the NSW Talent Identification and Big Brother Sponsorship scheme has given four of the state's best youngsters the chance of a month's specialised coaching with an English First Division club.

This year six boys have been offered that invaluable experience.

Adam Whan (Marconi) and Troy Halpin (Newcastle) will be attending Liverpool, Michael Muzakano (Riverina) and Darren Beardow (Lismore) are off to Norwich, and Derek Poimer and Darren Elkin, both from Apia, are travelling to London to train with Chelsea.

The two Apia strikers, and former members of the NSW U/16 national champion squad, leave today

(Monday).

Whan, Muzakano and Halpin were all members of the Australian Schoolboys squad.

Halpin and Beardow were also members of the very successful NNSW U/16 squad that toured Europe earlier this year.

David Lee, NSW Soccer Federation Coaching Director, said the boys' chance would occur only once in a lifetime and that they could expect good treatment from the clubs.

"We only send the boys to First Division clubs. Norwich, Liverpool and Chelsea were the ones chosen this year and their attitude is very professional."

Mr Lee told ASW that the boys could expect to train every day with reserve players and would also have the chance to join in with the First Division squad a few times during their stay.

"The head coach would also make sure he saw the players in action," Lee said.

"They are always on the lookout to see what the boys can do, and it is to their advantage to see them play while they are there."

As well as accommodation, the clubs supply the boys with tickets to First Division games.

Airfares and other costs are met by the Big Brother organisation, which, with the NSW Talent Identification Scheme make the trips possible.

Dave Barrett (Sydney Olympic), Rob Stanton (Sydney Croatia) and Jeff Allport (Wollongong City), all NSL defenders, took their places in the program, which particularly aids the development of skills through specialised training.

The Robert Wheatley column

Servicing juniors and schools



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Soccer's assets

IN a membership drive aimed at increasing the number of registered players in NSW for 1991, I have designed a brochure for distribution in early February next year.

The intention is to highlight the selling points of soccer to those contemplating whether or not they will choose our sport in preference to the myriad of other winter competitors.

I spent some time deciding what soccer could advertise as being the qualities that make it "the right choice" for their son or daughter.

My main aim of this exercise was to educate the potential customer and if they were convinced or satisfied they'll buy from us and become a registered player.

Asset No.1 — Exercise/Co-ordination

Soccer requires constant moving, jogging and running separated by frequent sprints. It exercises all the players' muscles and demands an ability to turn, jump, lunge and grind to sudden halts.

All of these take place while you are controlling a ball and facing a determined opposition.

As a player has to run and kick at the same time, this develops much needed co-ordination in growing youths.

Soccer is a game of skill with the ball. The partnership between the ball and your foot is of the greatest importance.

Asset No.2 — Fun

The first time one plays in a competitive match it is like playing in a Cup Final. The thrill of first playing for a team will remain with you all your life.

There is the excitement of playing against other teams, and travelling to away matches.

All soccer players will tell you how much they enjoyed playing, how good they felt and what a lot of fun they had. The result of the game is not too important in the early years.

The ultimate feeling in soccer is to score a goal. To beat an opponent and shoot past the goalkeeper is what the game is all about and this can be celebrated by all team members as well as supporters.

Asset No.3 — Injuries

Soccer is a minimum physical contact game, which results in relatively few injuries. Registration with your local soccer team also includes sports injury insurance should you be one of the very few who suffer an injury.

Asset No.4 — Cost

Playing the game does not require major financial investment. In fact, very little equipment apart from a ball is required, and the game can be played on virtually any flat space.

Games are normally played on council grounds which are well grassed and are close to your home.

I believe that your average club player would agree that the spirit of soccer is infectious, and once you are playing in a team it is not uncommon for you to maintain this relationship for a lifetime.

The many joys of soccer football will continue for many tens of thousands of amateur players in 1991, including a big intake of enthusiastic newcomers.

Castle Glen score when it counts

BY LACHLAN BARKER

IN a typical final match at Parklea on Sunday, Castle Glen all age women's team triumphed 2-1 over Roselands in a tough but clean Women's State Cup final encounter.

The first half of the match saw no clear chances come to either side.

In goal Sue Blackburn was indomitable, and this, combined with the tireless work of Amanda Dennis, saw the teams go to the break scoreless.

Dennis and Co toiled unselfishly in the

heat, and this willingness to run for each other was instrumental in Castle Glen's victory.

The second half was essentially the same as the first, except that Castle Glen finished the chances that came their way.

Kim Rogers latched onto an inconclusive clearance, beat three defenders and put Cathy Clements in to slot the ball away.

A breakaway individual goal by Clements in the 75th minute put the seal on the game and the "Glens" were worthy victors.

In the U18 men's final, Liverpool

High standard Level 2 course

A very successful Level 2 Course has just been completed at Parklea.

Without doubt the highest standard course of this nature that I have witnessed, a good mixture of ex-players and non-players included Glen Sterrey, an NSL player, a professional of 14 years from Manchester City and Hong Kong and three physical education trainee teachers from Mitchell College in Bathurst,

plus other enthusiastic candidates.

Casey De Bruin cracked the whip and turned in his usual top class performance, the course bringing praise from the professional players.

One must have full administration for people who come forward to attend these courses, the huge majority doing it so that they can put something back in the game.

The biggest problem for the National Coaching Scheme is to standardise this Level all over NSW as unfortunately there are too few Casey De Bruins to put in the spadework.

Have boots, will travel

TWO talented Scottish players are keen to join Australian clubs.

Twenty seven-year-old midfielder Gardiner Speirs has an excellent pedigree.

He played for St Mirren from 1979/89, captained the team for several seasons, and gained a winner's medal in the Scottish Cup for the 1987 final win over Celtic.

Since 1989 he has played with Airdrie and in Denmark, and is now a free agent.

Speirs is married, with a one-year-old son.

Martin Feenie, 20, is both a strong-running full-back and a handy midfielder.

He started his professional career with Dundee United, and two years later joined Dumfries Athletic, where he captained the youth team to victory.

Freed by Dumfries Athletic, he is single and at present without a club.

Speirs can be contacted on 0055 71269 and Feenie on 0698 825662 in Scotland.

The other contact point is through K.M. Gega and Associates 02 300 9883 in Sydney.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Mortimer's big chance

WESTERN Australia's David Mortimer has been appointed to take charge of the Adelaide City-Sydney Croatia match in Adelaide on Wednesday night.

Sales manager of the Imported Ceramics Centre in Perth, he was in charge of the D'Orosogna Cup final in 1989, and this year handled matches between Western Australia and Moscow Torpedo and Singapore.

He is married, has two children, and enjoys squash, cycling and swimming.

Meanwhile WA's Barry Harwood will retire from NSL refereeing at the end of this summer season.

Amongst his highlights have been the Oceania World Youth Championships in 1986, Oceania Olympic qualifiers in 1988, and the Bicentennial Gold Cup match between Argentina and Saudi Arabia the same year.



Liverpool Albion (at left) comes in on a Winston Hills opponent in their Commonwealth Bank Champion of Champions U18 semi-final. Albion won 2-0. — RON HUGHES

Albion opened the flood gates in the second half after going to the break at 1-1 in the match against Sans Souci.

Barry Smith opened the scoring in the first half with an emphatic power header to cap off a pin-point corner from Mick Manning.

San Souci replied in the 25th minute when a handball in the box led to a penalty, which was easily converted by Terry Salvatzis.

The first half,

however, gave no indication of the scoring blitz to come.

John Bartlett scored early in the second half and this opened the door for Albion.

He scored again soon after and then completed his hat-trick.

Jason Keen, Manning and Barry Smith all got into the scoring act as Albion romped home 7-1.

Finally on this day of winners and losers, we should spare a thought for St. Marys Band

Club.

After a titanic struggle, St Marys were locked at 3-3 with Wakehurst at full time.

The game went to penalties and Wakehurst emerged 4-3 victors in soccer's version of Russian roulette.

As ever, penalties are a heart breaking way to lose a final.

Other results from the day of days:

U9: Marconi 6 def. St Marys 1.

U10: Balgownie 2 def. Menai 0.

U11: Campbelltown P.Y. def. East Bankstown 1.

U12: APIA 2 def. Marconi 0.

U13: CSI 5 def. Mt Pritchard 3.

U14: Liverpool Albion 4 def. APIA 0.

U15: Wakehurst 3 drew with St Marys 3. (Wakehurst 4-3 on penalties)

U16: Macquarie 4 def. Abruzzi 2.

U18: Liverpool Albion 7 def. San Souci 1.

U21: Kissing Point West Pennant Hills.

AA: Engadine Eagles Brookvale U17 Women: Condell Park B 4 def. Canterbury Jnr 0.

AA Women: Castle Glen 2 def. Roselands 1.

U21: West Pennant

Hills 1 def Kissing Point 0.

All age: Brookvale 1 def Engadine Eagles 0.

The day saw from 8,000 to 10,000 spectators jam packing Valentine Park for the day, with the crowds particularly strong throughout the morning.

Prestations were made in the hall, which proved to be a really worthwhile innovation.

NSW Amateurs competition secretary Bill Cullinan asked ASW to particularly thank all those people who did so much to contribute to the success of the finals, as well as the many Champion of Champions matches that took place over recent times on ground located in so many parts of NSW.



Heads it is: An aerial joust between Marconi No 10 and an Albion Park opponent, with Marconi winning in U12 grade 3-1. Pic: RON HUGHES

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Ireland in control ... skipper Mick McCarthy well on top against Turkey in Dublin when the Irish won 5-0 in a Euro-92 qualifier.

Jim Leighton to stay put

MANCHESTER United have refused Jim Leighton permission to return to his former club Aberdeen on loan while Dutch goalkeeper Theo Snelders recuperates from an operation to repair his badly damaged cheekbone.

The 32-year-old Scottish international keeper who lost his place at Old Trafford to Les Sealey, is required by United because third choice Gary Walsh is injured.

United manager Alex Ferguson was forced to turn down an approach by Aberdeen's Alex Smith for the out-of-favour Leighton.

"It's disappointing but we understand United's position," said Smith.

Manchester United, facing Wrexham in the European Cup-Winners' Cup, and Ferguson needs Leighton as cover for the two-leg tie.

Aberdeen will be forced to play 19-year-old reserve Michael Watt in its own Cup Winners' Cup game against Legia Warsaw, but manager Smith is still pursuing another keeper.

"Apart from the Leighton enquiry, I have made a few tentative approaches elsewhere," he said.

EGYPTIAN SUPREMO GETS THE BOOT

EGYPT's Soccer Federation sacked Mahmoud el-Gohary, the coach who shepherded the national team to this year's World Cup finals for the first time in 56 years.



Mahmoud El Gohary

The Federation said it had accepted el-Gohary's resignation.

But the 52-year-old coach said: "I did not submit a resignation ... and I never contemplated resigning."

The Federation also suspended for six months national team defender Ibrahim Hassan, 24, for hitting the referee at a friendly match in Athens against Greece's national team on October 10.

Hassan, who plays for the Salonika-based Greek club PAOK, participated in Egypt's World Cup matches.

The Greek national team clobbered the Egyptians 6-1 in the Athens game and Federation sources said the debacle was the main reason behind el-Gohary's downfall.

But the Federation announcement on his departure gave no

reason.

Egypt, which drew a difficult group, surprised fans with a creditable performance last June at the World Cup finals in Italy.

It was eliminated in the first round but



I. HASSAN

drew with Holland 1-1 and Ireland 0-0 before being ousted in a 1-0 loss to England.

Laudrup Jr outshines his brother Michael

BY NICK BIDWELL*

ONE game remained to decide who would be the lucky winner of Europe's 1990 World Cup qualifying Group One.

Sparkling victories in Bulgaria and at home to Greece and Romania meant that the revamped young Danish side, including the precocious Brian Laudrup — younger brother of Barcelona's Michael, and Bayern Munich's \$4.5 million summer buy from Bayer Uerdingen — looked set to be Italy-bound.

Few "experts" could see anything other than the Danes gleaming the point required to seal their second consecutive World Cup finals appearance as Romania and Denmark trooped on to the pitch on a sunlit afternoon in Bucharest.

After all, a month previously a rampant Denmark had majestically swept aside dispirited opponents by an emphatic 3-0 scoreline that decidedly flattered the Romanians.

During that first tie a Copenhagen full house had marvelled at the sight of the young Laudrup flying down the flank as the overtly defensive Romanian game plan was put to the sword.

Kent Nielsen had already opened the scoring when Brian Laudrup cut in from the left and drove splendidly past flailing goalkeeper Lung.

From that moment the Romanians were destined to experience an evening of undiluted frustration.

When full-back Mircea Rednic was sent off, for the last of a series of fouls on Laudrup Jr, the incident symbolised a match in which Emerich Jenei's players were always engaged in a futile chase.

The opening salvoes of the return fixture at the August 23 Stadium in Bucharest again seemed to emphasise an apparent gulf in class between the countries.

After only seven minutes Brian Laudrup's imperious excursion past the defenders on the right preceded an accurate pull-back for Flemming Povlsen to put the visitors ahead.

Yet that moment of Scandinavian euphoria was to be short-lived.

As their efforts against the Soviet Union and Argentina testified during Italia '90, the Romanians are by no means devoid of skill, verve and determination.

They doggedly clawed their way back into contention, while Denmark conceded territorial superiority, three goals ... and eventual qualification.

Evaporated

For Brian Laudrup — one of the few Danes to do himself justice during that ill-fated 90

minutes — the chance to play in the World Cup finals at the tender age of 21 had evaporated, and with it the opportunity to enhance his growing reputation as an attacker of pace and guile.

"I was counting on making the World Cup," he says.

"But in Romania we wasted every conceivable chance. We let them play to their strengths and allowed their midfield to run things — Romania is not just Gheorghe Hagi."

Laudrup was an instant hit with his new employers at Bayern Munich after their 4-1 German Super Cup triumph over Kaiserslautern at the start of this season, when he created three goals.

And many people predict that Brian has even more ability than the tremendously talented but sometimes erratic Michael.

Such sentiments are shared by one Danish soccer journalist, former international Flemming Nielsen.

"Brian has the same delicate touch on the ball as his brother and the penetrative force of Preben Elkjaer," he says.

"But unlike his father Finn — a former player — and Michael, whose technical gifts were both checked by inconsistency, Brian has a real professional mentality."

Brian Laudrup was born in February 1969 in Vienna, where his father was playing for Sportklub.

Subsequently Laudrup senior and his family returned to Denmark, where Finn completed his career with Brøndby in the Third Division and then graduated to club director during a decidedly satisfying period — the team rose to prominence in the Danish top flight and his sons took their initial footballing steps.

While Michael left Brøndby in 1983 for Lazio — loaned to the Roman club by Juventus — Brian's willowy wing play earned him a first-team debut, against Naestved in April 1987.

Mature performances with his club, the Danish Under 21 and Olympic teams meant that exactly a year later he joined Michael in the full national squad for a friendly versus Austria — in his birthplace.

Denmark lost 1-0 thanks to an own goal from Klaus Berggreen, but for Brian the game was a memorable experience.

He won his first cap when leaving the bench in the second half, to replace Jesper Olsen.



BRIAN LAUDRUP

Coach Sepp Piontek, however, felt that the youngster was not quite ready for the big time, and omitted him from the squad to go to the 1988 European Championship in West Germany.

So he had to wait until February 1989 for another full appearance for his country, playing against Malta as replacement for the unavailable Michael.

Subsequently he established himself as a regular with fine goalscoring displays in World Cup eliminators in Bulgaria and the 7-1 home thrashing of Greece.

Experience

Laudrup was voted Denmark's Player of the Year last term, and after helping Brøndby to two League Championships, many of Europe's clubs were on his trail and a move abroad seemed inevitable.

Father Finn, manager of both boys, then negotiated a record Danish transfer fee of \$2 million with Bayer Uerdingen of the Bundesliga.

"I plumped for Uer-

dingen for my first real professional experience because it's a small town and there will not be a lot of pressure from spectators or media," Laudrup explained at the time.

"Here I'll be able to work at my game in peace. It's the perfect atmosphere for me to develop."

Yet although he signed for three years he was to stay for only one season before heading for Munich.

Disappointing results and a final placing just four off the bottom made a move to more ambitious surroundings imperative.

"Brian is too good for this team," said Uerdingen coach Horst Wohlers — who very nearly succeeded Piontek as Denmark's boss last spring.

Certainly the new Danish supremo, Richard Møller-Nielsen, will be looking to the likes of Brian Laudrup to reinforce the generally favourable impression created when the Danes just fell short of a World Cup berth.

* — courtesy WORLD SOCCER

Money for UK grounds update

TOP England and Scottish clubs could receive up to four million dollars each from the Football Trust to help bring grounds up to the standards recommended by the Taylor report.

And clubs prepared to opt for ground sharing could double the cash for safety work, new stands, seating and improved facilities.

The Trust, funded by the pools companies, announced it will allocate around \$65 million a year over the next five years for such work.

The Trust has agreed that every club in the English Football League and the Scottish League will be eligible for grant-aid assistance towards the cost of 'major projects'.

Part of the cash will come from the \$250 million available from the reduction of the pools betting duty.

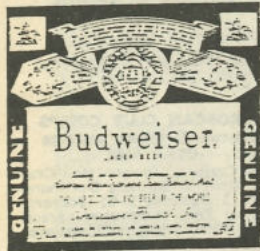
Clubs seeking grant-aid for completely new stadia will be expected to invest the entire proceeds from the sale of their existing site into the cost of development and to investigate other possible avenues of funding.



Manchester United midfielder Paul Ince (left) wins an aerial duel against Oxford's Garry Briggs.

Brewery sponsors American national team until 1994

THE US Soccer Federation announced that it had signed a major sponsorship contract with Budweiser to help fund operations of the national teams.



The value of the contract was not disclosed but Budweiser said it represented the brand's largest-ever commitment to domestic soccer.

Budweiser, the flagship beer of Anheuser-Busch Inc., has supported the US national team since 1984 and was a primary sponsor of this year's World Cup finals in Italy. The new contract runs through the next World Cup in the United States.

"With the World Cup coming to the United States in 1994, we can't think of a better time to extend our association with the US World Cup team and the national team program," Anheuser-Busch president Patrick Stokes said in a statement.

Soccer USA Part-

ners, the marketing agent for the USSF, also said it had formed a partnership with the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF), the regional group which includes the United States.

"The partnership we've formed today will encourage many more corporations to follow Budweiser's lead and tap into the



rich vein that is the sport of soccer — not just here in the United States but throughout North America, Central America and the Caribbean," CONCACAF secretary general Chuck Blazer said in a statement.

ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP

LIVERPOOL will meet Manchester United in the standout match of the third round of the English League Cup.

The Old Trafford clash gives United the chance to avenge their early season league defeat when Peter Beardsley's hat-trick sent Liverpool to a crushing 4-0 win.

Second Division Plymouth's reward for their second round triumph over first division Wimbledon is a home clash against holders Nottingham Forest, unbeaten in the competition for more than two years.

The draw for the third round of the English Football League Cup is:

- Crystal Palace v Leyton Orient
- Middlesbrough United v Everton
- Sheffield United v Everton
- Plymouth v Nottingham Forest
- Oxford v West Ham
- Manchester United v Liverpool
- Chelsea v Portsmouth
- Coventry v Hull
- Manchester City v Arsenal
- Tottenham v Bradford
- Sheffield Wednesday v Swindon
- Aston Villa v Millwall
- Derby v Sunderland
- Queen's Park Rangers v Blackburn
- Ipswich v Southampton
- Leeds v Oldham

Matches to be played during week commencing October 29.

Guido's not a happy guy

BY ARTHUR ROTMIL*

HE was the tallest member of the West German World Cup squad and, according to manager Franz Beckenbauer, the biggest star of the 1990 World Cup.

For Guido Buchwald this is high praise indeed, for he was so long the nearly man, the player some thought to be unworthy of his place as a tight-marking central defender.

But Buchwald surprised them all with his controlled football, concentration, vision and newly acquired ability to launch into attack from the deep, creating confusion in the opposing ranks.

With any luck he might have even scored a goal or two in Italy.

His greatest assets are superb tackling and strength in the air, plus experience.

The World Cup triumph was the greatest moment of Buchwald's career, but he is not happy.

He wanted to join an Italian club and all seemed set until Stuttgart's management stopped him, despite earlier assurances that he would be released.

Trained

Guido Buchwald was born on January 24, 1961, in Berlin.

As is usual among school-leavers in West Germany, he trained early for a trade and became a qualified electrical fitter before turning to football.

His first clubs were the amateurs SV Wannweil and TSV Pliezhausen.

In 1978, at 17, he joined Stuttgarter Kickers.

Five years later he was engaged by VfB Stuttgart, where he is a now the club captain.

He celebrated his debut in the national side on May 22, 1984, in a 1-0 win over Italy and now has 42 full caps.

But he wasn't always an outstanding footballer and often was criticised for being stiff in the hips, awkward and clumsy.

Before the 1986 World Cup he was axed from the national squad at short notice, and controversy shrouded his selection for the European Championship finals in 1988.

Although Buchwald eventually was preferred to Uli Borowka, a groin injury in the second group match put him out of the tournament.

But in Italy it was third time lucky.

Strained

Since that episode, relations between the player and management have been strained.



Guido Buchwald (No 6) shakes hands with Diego Maradona after the 1990 World Cup final.

In most of the seven games he produced world-class performances.

He also demonstrated that he had the confidence to go forward when the occasion demanded.

These sorties earned him the nickname "Diego". And the greatest glory came in the final, when he faced and stopped the great Diego Maradona.

In Stuttgart 8,000 fans gathered in the market place and greeted their hero.

Now he feels the effects of success, the adulation and immense popularity.

The postman in his home village of Waldorf, near Tübingen, is groaning under the weight of letters, cards and parcels.

The demands for autographs have reached several hundreds a week.

But Buchwald's dream of going to play in Italy remains unfulfilled.

He envies his former club colleagues and national team mate Jurgen Klinsmann of Inter Milan, and says: "He has been telling me what a marvellous life he is enjoying there."

"In every match one can be measured against world-class opposition. I did so want to try something new in football."

Newly-promoted AS Parma approached him and Buchwald claims: "I had already agreed terms for a three-year contract."

He would have earned \$650,000 a year net.

At Stuttgart he gets \$300,000, gross.

"The Italians were prepared to pay up to \$4.5 million for me" he says.

"I phoned the club president, Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder, and he said there would be no obstacles put in my way. I was on cloud nine."

But a few days later he was shattered when general manager Dieter Hoeness insisted: "Contracts are made to be fulfilled. Under \$7 million we would not discuss a move."

On the other hand, Buchwald did sign a four-year agreement last season.

There is a clause — he can leave up to April 30 each year, for \$2.8 million.

Otherwise he must negotiate a special release with the club.

That is why Buchwald is bitter, saying: "\$4.5 million for a 29-year-old defender is a

lot of money. Stuttgart should take it. Karl-Heinz Forster was allowed to go four years ago, to Marseille, for just \$2.5 million.

"I've been at Stuttgart since 1983, and everybody should understand that I want to move on."

Last year Buchwald had offers from Bayer Leverkusen, FC Köln and Montpellier.

"Everywhere I would have earned at least \$40,000 more," he says ruefully.

Now he must stay put, with his wife Sylvia and three-year-old son Yannick, at least until the spring, to find a way out.

But being a model professional, he promises to continue to give 100 per cent in Stuttgart's service.

* courtesy WORLD SOCCER

The Maracana is falling apart!

A team of engineers are checking out Rio's legendary Maracana Stadium after it developed a nasty bout of the shakes during a match two weeks ago.

The stadium, inaugurated in 1950, is suffering from the fact that modern spectators leap up and down when goals are scored, sending shockwaves through the grandstand, the city's chief engineer said.

Previous generations of fans "remained seated throughout", thereby keeping the load at a constant level, he explained.

A decision to close the stadium could be taken later this week.

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Race no factor in Israel

BY MARK RIVLIN

IN a country where racial tension has always been a factor on the political front, it is pleasantly surprising to report that racism within football is relatively scarce, with little influence on the game. This report from England's top fanzine — "When Saturday Comes".



ELI OHANA — one of the new breed.

The main reason for this is that Israelis are so embroiled in the day-to-day tensions of living in a politically explosive atmosphere, that they are able to define very clear borders between politics and sport.

The issue of racism in Israeli football is more about the problems of integration between Ashkenazi (European) and Sephardi (Eastern) Jews, rather than being a continuation of the Israeli-Palestinian debate. After the creation of Israel in 1948, the game was dominated by Ashkenazi Jews who made up 80% of the league and the national team.

In the early 1960s, there was a huge wave of immigration of Jews from Arabic-speaking countries who had no experience of football, but because of their low socioeconomic status they were natural candidates to take up the game.

This process still took a good twenty years, with the 1970 Israel World Cup squad in Mexico still made up of the Ashkenazi old guard.

Then, players like Spiegler, Yehoshua Feigenbaum and Giora Spiegel were the stars of the day.

Two of the most popular Arabs in Israeli football over the last ten years have been Rafit (Jimmy) Turk and Zohi, Armeli, both of whom represented Israel at international level.

Their presence added hundreds to the gates of their respective teams, Hapoel Tel Aviv and Maccabi Haifa.

The lower divisions in the Israeli league have a large Arab Israeli presence, with local derbies in the Druze Arabic team, Maccabi Tamra, nearly gained promotion to the First Division last season.

A football match in Israel certainly has an Oriental feel to it, with fans eating sunflower seeds (garinim) and homous, and listening to Arabic-style songs sung in Hebrew (popular among Sephardim).

While racism has reared its ugly head in other areas of Israeli society, football seems to be an area where the game is bigger than anything that sets out to destroy it.

The 70s and 80s saw the situation change drastically.

As the country's only mass spectator sport, football started to attract Sephardic Jews, and it was only a matter of time before their presence began to outweigh the Ashkenazi influence.

With the crowds 70% Sephardi, new stars began to emerge and the names of the last fifteen years hardly include a single Ashkenazi.

The team that lost to Colombia in the World Cup qualifiers had a 9-2 Sephardic presence.

Israel's current stars are a reflection of this influence.

Although Ronnie Rosenthal's father was Romanian, Eli Ohana, David Pizanti and Avi Cohen's parents hail from Arab countries.

These issues would be unimportant were it not for the fact that the

Ashkenazis control the Israeli Football Association and are thus not in touch with the feelings of the fans at grass roots level.

By far the most pleasing factor of football in Israel is the almost total lack of racism against Israeli Arab players in the league.

After witnessing the disgraceful jeerings of black players in Britain, it was a very pleasant experience to feel that in Israeli games, the jeerings are reserved for the standards of play — and in most cases quite justifiably so! As in England with black players, most teams here have one Arab, and I have never heard racist slants against them.

SILAS GOES TO CESENA

BRAZIL's international midfielder, Paulo Silas, is being loaned for one year by Sporting Lisbon to Italian First Division side Cesena for \$2 million.



PAULO SILAS

The talented 25-year-old, who has superb shooting skills, will play a supporting role to his fellow countryman, Souza Amarildo, and Cesena's other main striker, Massimo Ciocci.

Silas is widely expected to make his stay in Italy more permanent before the end of the year, but probably with one of the bigger clubs.



Peter Beardsley — in great form for England and Liverpool.

Italian clubs draw at home

BY LOU GAUTIER

ITALY's two representatives in the European Champions' Cup are in some danger of being knocked out.

AC Milan were held to a scoreless draw at home by Frank Farina's FC Brugge last Wednesday and Napoli conceded a 0-0 draw at home to Spartak Moscow.

Italians teams, however, have the knack of achieving just the result they require to qualify in return matches, so 1-1 away draws by both AC Milan and Napoli or one-goal wins should not be discounted on November 7.

Certainly knocked out are Rangers after the Scots were outclassed 3-0 in Belgrade by Red Star in front of 82,000 spectators, but Porto are looking good after drawing 0-0 in Bucharest with Dinamo and Sweden's Malmo should also make it to the quarter-finals after a 1-1 draw at Dresden.

Real Madrid ran riot to thrash Austrian champions FC Tirol 9-1 with four goals from Hugo Sanchez and a hat-trick by Emilio Butragueno.

Bayern Munich, too, had a big first leg win when they trounced CSKA Sofia in Munich last Tuesday, with Ger-

man World Cup full-back Stefan Reuter scoring twice.

Marseille, beaten 3-2 by Lech Poznan in Poland, should do well enough at home to make it to the quarter-finals, but under Franz Beckenbauer, the French team is struggling.

In the Cup-Winners' Cup, the biggest win was Montpellier's.

After eliminating PSV of Holland in Round 1, the French side trounced Steaua Bucharest 5-0.

Eddie Krncevic's FC Liege should make it to the quarter-finals too after an emphatic 2-0 home win over Portuguese Estrela Amadora.

Cup-Winners' Cup holders Sampdoria had an impressive 1-0 victory in Greece against Olympiakos and Juventus clobbered FK Austria 4-0 in Vienna, with Roberto Baggio and Salvatore Schillaci amongst the goals.

Scotland's Aberdeen, however, could only manage a scoreless draw at home with Poland's Legia Warsaw and face elimination, unlike Manchester United, easy 3-0 winners over

Wrexham.

Barcelona, too, should waltz into the quarter-finals after winning in Iceland, albeit narrowly.

In the UEFA Cup, Socceroo Vlado Bozinoski scored the last of Sporting Lisbon's seven goals against Politehnica of Romania, but the most impressive UEFA result was Aston Villa's 2-0 win over Inter Milan with goals from David Platt and Dane, Kent Nielsen.

Inter will need to pull something out of the box in the return leg as even a 3-1 win would send Joe Venglos' men through to Round 3.

Nothing less than a three-clear win will do for the Italians.

French clubs Monaco and Bordeaux should also go through.

All the results: Tuesday's results:

CHAMPIONS CUP: Bayern Munich 4 CSKA Sofia 0. CUP-WINNERS' CUP: Fram Reykjavik 1 Barcelona 2, Manchester United 3 Wrexham 0. UEFA CUP: Magdeburg 0 Bordeaux 1.

Thursday's result: CHAMPIONS' CUP —

Lech Poznan 3 Marseille 2.

EUROPEAN CLUB COMPS 2nd-round, 1st-leg matches UEFA CUP

In Craiova: Universitatea Craiova (Rom) 0 Borussia Dortmund (Ger) 3 (half-time 0-0). Scorers: Michael Zorc (59th min), Frank Mill (59th, 78th). Attendance: 25,000.

In Odessa: Chernomorets Odessa (USSR) 0 Monaco (Fra) 0. Attendance: 28,000.

In Nicosia: Omonia (Cyprus) 1 Anderlecht (Belgium) 1 (0-0). Scorers: Omonia: Stelios Mavroftis (83rd min). Anderlecht: Yiannos Kalothreu (51st, own goal). Attendance: 12,000.

In Moscow: Torpedo Moscow (Soviet Union) 3 Seville (Spain) 1. Scorers: Torpedo Moscow: Tishkov (58th), Zhukov (84th, penalty), Shirinbekov (89th). Seville: Polster (71st). Attendance: 15,000.

In Katowice: GKS Katowice (Pol) 1 Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 2 (0-1). Scorers: Leverkusen: Andreas Thom (27th min), Andrzej Buncol (48th). Katowice: Piotr Swierczewski (84th).

In Copenhagen: Brondby (Denmark) 3 Ferencváros (Hungary) 0 (1-0). Scorers: Kim Christofte (29th), Uche Okochukwu (80th), Kim Vilfort (90th). Attendance: 14,100.

In Birmingham: Aston Villa (Eng) 2 Internazionale (Italy) 0 (1-0). Scorers: Kent Nielsen (14th), David Platt (67th). Attendance: 36,461.

In Istanbul: Fenerbahce Istanbul (Turk) 0 Atalanta (Italy) (0-1). Scorer: Walter Bonacina (44th min). Attendance: 30,000.

In Edinburgh: Hearts (Scot) 3 Bologna (Italy) 1 (3-0). Scorers: Hearts: Wayne Foster (7th min, 24th), Iain Ferguson (38th). Bologna: Notaristefano (61st). Attendance: 11,155.

EUROPEAN CUP In Bucharest: Dinamo Bucharest (Rom) 0 Porto (Port) 0. Attendance: 8,000.

In Belgrade: Red Star Belgrade (Yugo) 3 Glasgow Rangers (Scot) 0 (1-0). Scorers: John Brown (8th min, own goal), Robert Prosinecki (65th), Darko Pancev (74th). Attendance: 82,000.